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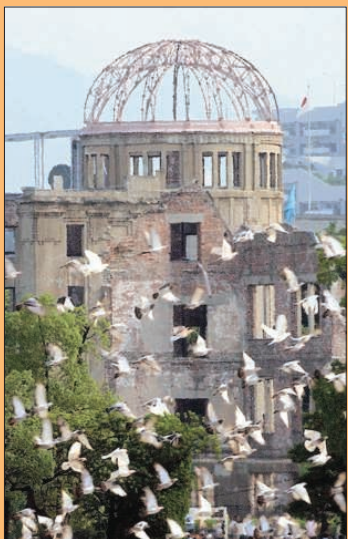
Protesters: Remember Hiroshima, remove nukes

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Above: A group of anti-nuclear demonstrators gather Friday outside RAF Lakenheath, England, to remember the bombing of Hiroshima 59 years earlier. A Peace Camp was to be set up throughout the weekend near the base for workshops and discussions about the threat posed by nuclear weapons. Demonstrators called for the removal of the nuclear weapons they believe are held at Lakenheath. Right: With the A-Bomb Dome in background, doves flutter Friday over the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park during the anniversary of the world's first atomic bombing on Hiroshima, western Japan.



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Business

Parmalat case: Italian dairy giant Parmalat, which is trying to regain its balance after a massive fraud scandal involving billions of dollars in missing money, said Friday it has filed a lawsuit seeking to recover about \$350 million from Swiss bank UBS LTD.

Parmalat said in a statement that it had filed the claim at a court in Parma.

Parmalat said then that the suit against Citigroup was part of a process aimed at seeking "recovery from third parties believed to have played a role in Parmalat's collapse."

World

Paraguay supermarket fire: Authorities confirmed Friday that 399 people perished in last weekend's supermarket fire. But the toll in Paraguay's worst tragedy in decades could still go much higher as 144 people remain missing.

Earlier, the death toll had been put at 426, but Attorney General Oscar Latorre said 27 names had been stricken from the list of victims after reports filed by hospitals, morgues and rescuers were found to contain duplications and other errors.

Saudi terror arrest: Saudi police arrested a top Saudi terror suspect, officials said Friday, weeks after the al-Qaida-linked cleric reassured followers he was "taking all necessary precautions" to evade a government sweep.

Paris' Ahmed Jamaan al-Shouel al-Zahrani was No. 12 on the kingdom's list of 26 most-wanted terror suspects. More than half the others on the list have been either killed or captured in a crackdown that followed a series of bombings in Riyadh in May, 2003.

Venezuelan recall: Some Venezuelans are fearful about government allegations that radicals plan to disrupt balloting in the recall referendum against President Hugo Chavez. Others worry the losing side won't accept the outcome of the Aug. 15 vote and will take to the streets.

Just blocks away, National Guard troops fired tear gas Thursday to quell a minor incident in which Chavez supporters attacked opposition activists.

The state-run television channel reported that unidentified men opened fire on a pro-Chavez campaign headquarters, injuring two people, in western Zulia state.

Lindh case: Sweden's top prosecutor said Thursday he will appeal the ruling that threw out a life prison sentence for the man convicted of killing Swedish Foreign Minister Anna Lindh.

A Stockholm appeals court last month overturned a lower court ruling and sentenced Mijailo Mijailovic to psychiatric care, saying he suffered from "borderline personality disorders" and should not be sent to prison.

States

Cassini spacecraft: The U.S.-European Cassini spacecraft discovered a new radiation belt around Saturn and has found that lightning in the ringed planet's atmosphere is occurring much differently now than when NASA's Voyagers flew by in the early 1980s, scientists said.

The discoveries announced Thursday are



Masonic lodge bombing: Suspected Islamic militant Engin Vural, who lost his left arm during a suicide attack, is escorted by Turkish gendarmes as he arrives a court house in Istanbul, Turkey, on Friday. The trial of 18 suspected Islamic militants accused in the bombing of a Masonic lodge opened, with five of the suspects — including a suspected al-Qaida militant — facing charges of treason. The March 9 attack killed a waiter and wounded five patrons at the dining lodge.

part of an early wave of information about the Saturn system from Cassini, which arrived June 30 on a \$3.3 billion exploration expected to last four years.

Church abuse settlement: All but one of 46 people who accused priests of sexually abusing them as children have agreed to accept a more than \$7 million settlement with the Diocese of Springfield, an attorney for the alleged victims and a spokesman for the diocese said.

"For most of my clients, they want this miserable ordeal to end, so they've had to swallow some pride," plaintiffs attorney John Stobierski said Thursday.

Stobierski said his clients have been in arbitration meetings to decide the amount of each person's settlement, which will be at least \$80,000 and probably will average about \$150,000.

Condit lawsuit dismissed: A federal judge has dismissed a libel lawsuit filed last year by the wife of former Rep. Gary Condit against USA Today and its parent company, Gannett Co.

U.S. District Judge Bruce Black ruled this week that New Mexico was the wrong jurisdiction for the case. Carolyn Condit had filed the lawsuit there because of a state law that lets plaintiffs sue up to three years after a published report.

The suit was filed in response to a July 27, 2001, USA Today article about the disappearance of Chandra Levy, a federal intern whose remains were found in a Washington park the following May.

Laci Peterson trial: Scott Peterson's trial is on hold until early next week so the defense can investigate recently discovered evidence that his attorney says might clear the former fertilizer salesman of killing his pregnant wife, Laci.

Judge Alfred A. Delucchi announced the delay after meeting with defense and prosecution lawyers in his chambers Thursday morning.

Outside court, Peterson attorney Mark Geragos said the evidence is "potentially exculpatory" and was "reluctantly" turned over by the prosecution.

The trial is expected to resume Tuesday.

Palestinian professor trial: Prosecutors putting a Palestinian former professor on trial on charges he raised money for the Palestinian Islamic Jihad will have to prove contributions to the group were used for terrorist attacks rather than for charity, a federal judge has ruled.

Al-Arian and three others face a 50-count racketeering indictment which accuses Al-Arian of being the North American head of the Islamic Jihad. Al-Arian denies that either the charity or academic think tank he created were fund-raising fronts for the group's terrorist attacks, which have claimed more than 100 lives in Israel.



Scientist from Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries display a northern snake head in Dogue creek captured near the Mount Vernon Yacht Club in Virginia.

Alien fish: A 2-pound northern snakehead was netted in the Potomac River, the 17th toothy nonnative fish caught downriver from Washington, D.C., since May.

Fisheries technician Scott Herrmann snagged the 19-inch female at the Mount Vernon Yacht Club on Wednesday.

The carcass was sent to the Smithsonian Institution for genetic tests.

Experts fear the snakehead, a predator with a voracious appetite, could destroy the river's ecosystem if left to breed unchecked in the shallow, grassy waters it prefers. One fear is that the river's smallmouth bass population could be decimated.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

U.S.: 300 Shiite militants killed in Najaf

By TODD PITMAN

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Coalition forces battled militiamen loyal to radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr in several Iraqi cities Friday, saying they killed about 300 militants in Najaf over two days of fighting. Battles in other Shiite areas of the country have killed dozens more, according to Iraqi authorities.

The death toll among the anti-coalition fighters was among the largest in a single continuing engagement since the end of the war to oust Saddam Hussein last year.

Two U.S. Marines and an American soldier were killed in Najaf on Thursday, and 12 troops were wounded, the military said. Fifteen U.S. soldiers were wounded in Baghdad [see related stories on Page 4].

Meanwhile, Lebanon's state news agency reported four Lebanese truck drivers were taken hostage by insurgents on a highway between Baghdad and Ramadi. It wasn't clear when the men were seized, but a U.S. Embassy official said earlier in the day that they hadn't been heard from for 24 hours.

In Najaf, 100 miles south of Baghdad, U.S. helicopters on Friday attacked militants hiding in a cemetery near the Imam Ali Shrine in the old city at Najaf's center, where smoke could be seen rising.

The fighting began Thursday in Najaf and has since spread to other Shiite areas across the country, as the trace that marks an end to a similar rebellion two months ago appeared to have been shattered.

Al-Sadr blamed the United States for the violence in Iraq in a sermon read on his behalf Friday in the Kufa Mosque close to Najaf.

The interim government had called America "our partner," he said. "I say America is our enemy and the enemy of the Shiites, and we will not accept its partnership."

Regardless, al-Sadr's aides called Friday for a return to the city. They asked for the



An Iraqi child stops to talk with fighters loyal to radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr after noon prayers at Sadr City in Baghdad on Friday. Fighting flared across Iraq as U.S.-led coalition troops battled militiamen in several cities for a second day in an apparent resurgence of the widespread Shiite rebellion that ended two months ago.

United Nations and Iraq's interim government to stop the violence.

But the government said Friday it would not tolerate independent militants, including the Mahdi Army.

The militants "are considered criminal and terrorist groups that we do not condone and that we will fight," said Georges Sada, spokesman for interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi.

In April, the Mahdi Army militia launched sustained attacks on U.S. and coalition troops in several cities, the first major Shiite violence against the Americans. The confrontation dragged on for two months until Iraqi politicians and religious leaders negotiated a series of truces.

Each side blamed the other for breaking the cease-fire. The U.S. military accused the militants of repeatedly attacking police in Najaf, and al-Sadr loyalists accused U.S.

forces of surrounding the cleric's house Monday.

Some of the worst violence hit the Baghdad neighborhood of Sadr City, where the Health Ministry said 19 people were killed and 111 wounded during fighting Thursday and early Friday between U.S. troops and al-Sadr militants. Separate attacks blamed on al-Sadr's followers wounded 15 American soldiers in Baghdad.

Militiamen also seized four police stations in Amarah, 180 miles southeast of Baghdad, witnesses said.

On Friday, helicopter gunships pounded militant positions in Najaf, while Italian soldiers exchanged gunfire with militants who attacked their positions and a police station in the southern city of Nasiriyah, an Italian military spokesman said. Clashes also were reported Friday between U.S. troops and insurgents north of the capital in Samarra.

U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Thursday, 921 U.S. servicemen have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq in March 2003, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 684 died as a result of hostile action and 237 died of nonhostile causes.

The British military has reported 61 deaths; Italy, 18; Spain, eight; Poland, seven; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, four; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia and the Netherlands have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 783 U.S. servicemen have died — 575 as a result of hostile action and 208 of nonhostile causes, according to the Defense Department on Thursday.

The latest deaths reported by U.S. Central Command:

■ A 13th Corps Support Command soldier was killed and five were wounded in Balad when their convoy was attacked Thursday with a rocket-propelled grenade and small arms fire near Najaf.

The latest identifications reported by the military:

■ No new identifications.

Battles in Najaf have killed at least 13 civilians and wounded 58 others over two days, according to Najaf General Hospital officials.

The U.S. military said two Marines, one soldier and seven militants were killed Thursday in and around Najaf.

In Samarra, 60 miles north of Baghdad, gunnaries attacked a convoy of 10 U.S. Humvees at dawn, witnesses said. U.S. helicopters fired rockets at insurgent positions, and the U.S. convoy pulled out.

Eight U.S. soldiers hurt in Afghan fight

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Insurgents attacked American forces with rocket-propelled grenades and explosives on roads in southern Afghanistan on Friday, injuring at least eight U.S. soldiers, two seriously, the U.S. military said.

The first attack occurred at about 7 a.m. as a 10-vehicle convoy moved toward east of Dushanp in southern Zabul province.

About 10 suspected Taliban insurgents fired rocket-propelled grenades at the convoy, prompting the U.S. forces to return fire with small arms.

One of the RPGs struck a Humvee, injuring five troops, two of whom were being prepared for evacuation to a military hospital in Landstuhl, Germany.

About six hours later, rebels set off a roadside bomb near Zabul's provincial capital, Qalat, as a U.S. convoy passed. Three soldiers were injured, but all returned to duty.

It was not clear if there were any rebel casualties, said Maj. Rick Pearl, a U.S. military spokesman.

He said the military had no further information on either incident.

Zabul has been the scene of some of the worst fighting in recent months, and attacks have increased as the nation gears up for Oct. 9 presidential elections. The Taliban have vowed to disrupt the vote.

Soldier who turned over Abu Ghraib abuse photos testified his action was 'a moral call'

By ESTES THOMPSON

The Associated Press

FORT BRAGG, N.C. — The soldier who blew the whistle on colleagues abusing Iraqi prisoners at Abu Ghraib prison testified Friday it was "a moral call," because he was outraged by photos of detainees in sexually humiliating positions.

"It violated everything I personally believed in and all I'd been taught about the rules of war," Sgt. Joseph Darby said during a pretrial hearing for Pfc. Lynndie England. "It was more of a moral call."

"It was a tough decision because these people were my friends," said Darby, who was in the 372nd Military Police Company and, like England, was assigned to duties outside the secure area of the prison.

He said he received the now-notorious abuse photos on computer disks from Cpl. Charles Graner at the beginning of December. Darby said he wanted to see pictures of the aftermath of a prison riot that happened while he was on leave.

As he looked at the photos, "there was quite a large number of prisoners and poses with prisoners," Darby testified by telephone from an undisclosed location. "It was kind of shocked and bewildered and didn't know what to do."

Darby said he agonized for more than a month about whether to turn in the photos, testifying that he knew Graner was a ring-leader in the abuse and would be returning to the prison soon from another assignment. He turned them over to the Army investigators Jan. 13.

"I decided I needed to turn them in now before he came back because I was concerned it was going to start again," said Darby, who is from Cresaptown, Md., where the 372nd is based.

His tip led to charges against seven members of the unit and the images outraged people around the world. The photos, first made public on a broadcast of CBS' "60 Minutes II" in April, showed naked detainees stacked in human pyramids, posed in sexual positions, hooked to electrodes, and in an notorious shot with England, tethered to a leash.

A military judge is holding the hearing to decide whether England, a 21-year-old reservist from Fort Ashby, W.Va., should face a military trial on 13 counts of abusing detainees and six counts stemming from possession of sexually explicit photos. If convicted, she could get up to 38 years in prison.

Darby acknowledged during his testimony that he had seen at least one image of de-

tainee abuse as far back as October, saying Graner showed him a still from a video camera of a hooded detainee handcuffed to the bars of his cell.

Darby quoted Graner as telling him: "The Christian in me knows it's wrong, but the corrections officer in me can't help but love" such abuse.

In testimony Thursday, military interrogators said he saw reservist guards putting naked prisoners in sexual poses, and torturing them by forcing them to drag their genitals on the ground or by keeping them unclothed in their cells 24 hours a day. But they acknowledged failing to properly report the incidents up the chain of command.

Capt. Carolyn Wood, the top intelligence officer at Abu Ghraib, testified that when the photos finally surfaced, she was appalled.

"Words can't describe my reaction," Wood said. "I was shocked. I was very disappointed. I was outraged."

One member of the 372nd, Sgt. Jeremy C. Sivit, has already pleaded guilty and been sentenced to a year in prison.

Graner also has been charged with abusing prisoners and adultery for alleged having sex with England last October. England's lawyers have said she is seven months pregnant with Graner's child.

2nd ID soldiers touch down in Kuwait

Destined for Iraq, GIs take 20-hour flight from S. Korea

By SETH ROBSON
Stars and Stripes

CAMP BUEHRING, Kuwait — Hundreds of 2nd Infantry Division soldiers have hit the ground in the Middle East, setting up base at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, with hundreds more in transit from South Korea.

Camp Buehring will be home to the division's 2nd Brigade Combat Team — Strikeforce — while it prepares to deploy to Iraq over the next few weeks, officials said.

While soldiers in past conflicts sailed for weeks or months on troop transports to reach battles, 2nd ID personnel took less than 20 hours to move from their South Korea bases to Kuwait using jumbo jets. Unlike commercial flights, the troop transports didn't require passengers to pass through metal detectors before boarding. With virtually every-

one bringing a weapon, that would be an exercise in futility.

On one flight, soldiers even humped heavy Mk-19 grenade launchers and .50-caliber machine guns to their seats.

"Place all weapons on the floor at your feet with the butts facing the aisle," was the instruction to passengers through the intercom.

One soldier carried what looked like a locked box of ammunition.

"It has drugs in it," he said, apparently joking before he explained, "I'm a medic."

Air crew members on the troop transports got into the spirit, dressing up in American flag outfits and decorating the aircraft with patriotic red, white and blue ribbons.

Soldiers appeared to be in good humor during the flight, but not many people relish long-haul air travel. As Sgt. Kevin Thomas of



PHOTOS BY SETH ROBSON/Stars and Stripes

2nd ID soldiers sleep during a layover on route from South Korea to Kuwait. The soldiers had to stay on board the aircraft during a 90-minute refueling stop.



A flight attendant gives 2nd ID soldiers tips on how to correctly store their weapons when traveling on the jumbo jet to Kuwait.

1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment put it: "I don't like being stuck on anything for 20 hours. Tell them to hook us up with first class next time," he said.

When the soldiers arrived in Kuwait at 4 a.m., the temperature was 90 degrees. The first 40 soldiers out the door formed a baggage detail and started lugging packs out of the hold of the aircraft into a waiting truck. The rest of the soldiers piled into air-conditioned buses and watched as a large, dull, orange ball of a sun rose at the

end of the runway.

As they day wore on, soldiers quickly noticed the stark and steamy difference in the heat between South Korea and Kuwait — all 111 scorching degrees.

The landscape visible on the drive to Camp Buehring was flat and desolate. Once the buses turned off the main road, they were driving along a track plowed through sand dunes where herds of camels grazed on sparse vegetation.

Their destination, Camp Buehring, formerly Camp Udayr, was named for Lt. Col. Chad Buehring, killed in Baghdad last year. The camp itself blends into its surroundings — a collection of dirt berms, a few hard buildings, and hundreds of tan and white tents buffeted by the desert sandstorms.

Soon after they arrived, the soldiers assembled in a tent to watch a video presented by the com-

mander of the Combined Forces Land Component Command, Lt. Gen. David McKiernan.

"As you left the airplane, you entered a combat zone," he told the soldiers. The enemy is not just in Iraq, he told them.

As they day wore on, soldiers quickly noticed the stark and steamy difference in the heat between South Korea and Kuwait — all 111 scorching degrees.

"There are no sanctuaries in this theater of operations. There are threats that are ongoing right now, both in Kuwait and other regional countries as well as Iraq," he said, before the soldiers watched a series of videos detailing the threats they will face in Iraq.

So, how do the 2nd ID soldiers

rate their new home?

One of the recently arrived soldiers from the 506th, Pfc. So-crates Joseph, was not happy with one thing in particular.

"The sand gets in your eyes," he complained. "You have your goggles, but even with them it finds its way to get in."

Others, such as Pfc. Christopher Brown of 1st Battalion, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, prefer Camp Buehring to South Korea. Brown said it is a big improvement where he came from — near the Korean Demilitarized Zone at Camp Greaves.

"I like it better here. The heat is not what I thought it was going to be. It is a lot more comfortable than the humidity at Camp Greaves," he said.

"The food actually tastes real. They have movies, ping pong, and basketball ... and the latrines smell a lot better," he said.

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16 soldiers wounded in attacks near Sadr City

By JASON CHUDY
Stars and Stripes

Sixteen Baghdad-based soldiers were wounded in four separate attacks over a six-hour period Thursday, according to a Multi-National Forces Iraq news release.

The wounded soldiers were taken to military medical facilities.

Five soldiers were wounded when a rocket-propelled grenade exploded near them in eastern Baghdad as soldiers were inspecting a civil affairs project in Sadr City, a Shia stronghold loyal to cleric Muqtada al-Sadr.

The Baghdad neighborhood, known as Saddam City before the fall of Saddam, is named after the cleric's late father.

Coalition officials blamed this first attack on

al-Sadr's Madhi Militia in a news release on the day's fighting.

"We are deeply disappointed that the Madhi Militia has brought fighting back to the good people of Sadr City," Col. Robert Abrams, commander of the 1st Cavalry Division's 1st Brigade Combat Team, said in the release.

"We have worked tirelessly to restore essential services to the city, and these attacks hamper our efforts," he said. "It shows the wanton disregard by anti-Iraqi forces for the people of Sadr City."

The remainder of the soldiers were wounded in various attacks around the city.

He said children as young as 6 were throwing fire bombs at the vehicles, although he didn't specify where or when this incident occurred.

"Our soldiers did not return fire because they were only children," he said.

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Two Marines, one soldier killed in Najaf

Two Marines and one soldier were killed, and five soldiers wounded in Najaf province Thursday.

The two Marines were from the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit were killed during fighting. A 13th Corps Support Command soldier was killed after insurgents attacked convoy. Five other soldiers were injured in the convoy attack.

The names of the dead were not released pending next-of-kin notification.

Three of the wounded soldiers were taken to a military medical facility and the other two were treated on the scene.

On Wednesday evening, four Task Force Danger soldiers assigned to the 1st Infantry Division were wounded when their vehicle was hit by an improvised explosive device near Ad Duwayl.

Three of the wounded were taken to a military medical facility where they are reportedly in stable condition. The fourth was treated and has since returned to full duty.

From staff reports



PHOTOS BY RICK EMERT/Stars and Stripes

GIs deal with tree threat

BY RICK EMERT
Stars and Stripes

AL JIZANI, Iraq — The Task Force 82nd Engineer Battalion went door-to-door Thursday in a village on the outskirts of Baqouba in an effort to stop attacks on its soldiers as they convoy along "Blue Babe Highway."

On a one-kilometer stretch of highway in Al Jizani, the soldiers have been hit by 30 to 40 make-shift bombs, according to Lt. Col. Gerald O'Connor, commander of the 82nd Engineer Battalion from Bamberg, Germany. They've also come under small-arms fire several times, he said.

O'Connor first met with the village's mayor, Shaker Mahzin Rahib Hamed, to give his condolences for four Iraqi National Guard soldiers killed on Tuesday by a car bomb on a different section of the same highway. Then, he spoke with him about two large palm groves that provide cover for insurgents who attack U.S. convoys.

Even the commander's vehicle has been hit by a roadside bomb on the road. In a separate incident, the vehicle carrying his senior enlisted adviser, Command Sgt. Maj. John Gioia, was hit by a bomb and by small-arms fire. Gioia's up-armored vehicle still bears

the scars of the attacks.

"The guys fire at the convoy, then run into the palm groves," Gioia said. "It's a cowardly way to fight."

The solution seems simple enough — palm grove, meet bulldozer. But it's not that simple any more, not since June 28, at least.

"Before the turnover, if something posed a threat to soldiers' safety, you could just eliminate that threat," O'Connor said. "If there were no houses or trees here, they couldn't hide so close to the road to set up IEDs [improvised explosive devices] or fire at us."

So O'Connor decided to talk



Left: Soldiers from the 82nd Engineer Battalion enter a palm grove Thursday to see how far back the grove would have to be cleared to eliminate hiding places for insurgents who attack their convoys.

Far left: Lt. Col. Gerald O'Connor, 82nd Engineer Battalion commander, right, and his translator, Sgt. Zine El Kousari, left, speak to an Iraqi man on Thursday about the palm grove behind his house. O'Connor wants to demolish about 450 feet of the grove to prevent insurgents from using them as cover.

with the landowners, which proved difficult.

Through his translator, Sgt. Zine El Kousari, an Arabic-speaking U.S. soldier of Moroccan descent, O'Connor spoke with two families — one on each side of the highway.

One of the families said the people who owned the property on that side were not home.

On the other side of the highway, another family seemed reluctant to talk about demolishing the palm grove, but agreed to attend a meeting about it the following week.

Next door, an abandoned house had a for-sale sign in the front, but the owner was nowhere to be seen.

O'Connor is determined to clear away about 450 feet of the groves, and the meeting on Monday should set that in motion.

"I could just clear it now; these are date palm groves that aren't even producing dates anymore," O'Connor said, standing in the abandoned house, which was missing all of its doors and windows.

"If we were to destroy the grove, the people would say: 'See what the Americans are doing to us.' I want to do this correctly. If I talk to them and give them a memorandum, they can file a claim [through the nearby Civil Military Operations Center] for their loss."

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\$160,000 in AAFES electronics recovered by Iraqi police in raids

BY JASON CHUDY
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Iraqi police recovered about \$160,000 in stolen Army and Air Force Exchange Service electronics during two raids in Baghdad recently.

About \$193,000 worth of merchandise had been stolen from either a warehouse or storage vehicle on Camp Victory, according to a Multi-National Force Iraq news release.

Iraqi police opened an investigation after an adviser working for the military's Civilian Police Assistance Team received a tip that a local vendor was selling American electronics.

Iraqi police raided two businesses, arrested seven people and netted about \$80,000 of stolen electronics from each location.

Those arrested since have been released on bail.

"The Iraqi Police were instrumental in recovering these items and securing such with no loss of property or chain of evidence," Iraqi Police adviser Dwight Murphy said in the release.

AAFES spokesman Judd Anstey wrote in an e-mail to Stars and Stripes in response to questions that there is an ongoing criminal investigation into the theft and more details may be released once it is complete.

Iraqi police also are investigating.

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Guardsmen under investigation for possible mistreatment of Kosovars

BY TERRY BOYD

Stars and Stripes

The Army is investigating seven Minnesota National Guardsmen for allegedly mistreating Kosovars during raids that followed a spate of rioting last province at NATO-occupied province of Yugoslavia.

The soldiers, who were not identified by name, are from the 2nd Battalion, 135th Infantry Regiment, part of the Minnesota National Guard based at Albert Lea, Minn.

The seven have been "titled" by the Fort Belvoir, Va.-based Criminal Investigation Command, commonly referred to as CID, said Ralph Stinson, spokesman for the 21st Theater Support Command in Mannheim, Germany.

"Titled" means CID investigators found "sufficient information to conclude misconduct of some

Two Kosovar men charged that soldiers mistreated locals during an April 22 house-to-house search in the eastern Serbian enclave of Vrbovac.

sort may have occurred," Stinson said.

Two Kosovar men charged that soldiers mistreated locals during an April 22 cordon search in the eastern Serbian enclave of Vrbovac.

The cordon search, in which troops close off an area for house-to-house searches, was conducted following riots March 17-18 that killed 19 people, most in Mitrovica near the Kosovo-Serbia border.

Brig. Gen. Rick Erlanson, commander of the Army's Task Force Falcon in Kosovo, conducted the investigation. The results of that investigation have been

submitted to Maj. Gen. Bennie E. Williams, 21st TSC commander, who is the court-martial convening authority for forces in Kosovo.

There is no deadline for Williams to make a decision whether to bring charges, Stinson said.

If Williams' review is not complete by the end of the month — when the current task force is scheduled to leave — the soldiers could be held in Kosovo rather than return to Minnesota with their units, Stinson said.

The United Nations and NATO took control of Kosovo in 1999 after a 78-day bombing campaign to halt a civil war between Yugoslavs and Albanian separatists.

In those five years, accusations of abuse by occupying U.S. soldiers have been rare. However, there have been a few cases, including:

■ The 2000 killing of an 11-year-old Kosovar Albanian girl by Staff Sgt. Frank Ronghi, of the 82nd Airborne Division. Ronghi was sentenced to life in prison.

■ The transfer of an 82nd Airborne battalion in Vrina after allegations that troops mistreated locals during a January 2000 demonstration organized by radical Kosovar Albanians trying to free a radical Muslim separatist in Macedonia.

■ Nine members — five soldiers and four officers — of Company A, 3rd Battalion, 504th Regiment of the Fort Bragg, N.C.-based 82nd Airborne were disciplined that same year for using inappropriate force during interrogations.

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Sailor guilty of larceny

NAPLES, Italy — A Naples sailor was dishonorably discharged after being found guilty of larceny and fraud Tuesday in a general court-martial.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Jamaal D. Kirby, 26, a disbursing clerk for Personnel Support Activity Europe, also was sentenced to 170 days of confinement.

Kirby, who processed travel claims, entered his own account number on other people's money orders. The money, about \$6,000, went into his account. He also generated false supplemental claims, said a spokesman for the Naples Trial Service Office.

17-year-old deserter

MILFORD, Mass. — A 17-year-old was in the custody of military authorities Thursday after an examination of his records following a traffic accident showed he was a deserter from Army basic training.

Jayce Salvas, 17, of Woonsocket, R.I. had been in the Army for just two weeks, stationed at Fort Benning, Ga., when he deserted, said Master Sgt. Richard Lambert, a spokesman for Fort Devens in Ayer.

From staff and wire reports

Activists gather at RAF Lakenheath to protest nukes

59 years after introduction of atomic bomb, group camps outside base to remember moment

BY RON JENSEN

Stars and Stripes

RAF LAKENEATH, England — Fifty-nine years after America introduced the world to atomic warfare, a knot of anti-nuclear activists gathered Friday to remember the moment outside a base they believe houses nuclear weapons.

Reading poems, verses and essays inspired by the attack on Hiroshima, Japan, on Aug. 6, 1945, the demonstrators stood near RAF Lakenheath's main gate to kick off a four-day Peace Camp, which will bring dozens of like-minded people to the area to push their hope of ridding the planet of such weapons.

"At the end of the Cold War, people really genuinely believed the need for nuclear weapons would disappear," said Liam Carroll, one of the protesters.

But he said, the threat has been escalating.

The 1945 attack using an atomic bomb known as "Little Boy" destroyed most of the city of Hiroshima and killed more than half of the city's population. Another bomb, known as "Fat Boy," was dropped on Nagasaki three days later with similar devastation. The Japanese military surrendered within days.

But the protesters do not believe the bombs ended the war and were unnecessarily used.

"We were lied to," said Zina Zelter. "[The bombs] were used to demonstrate to Russia that we



RON JENSEN/Stars and Stripes

Anti-nuclear demonstrators outside RAF Lakenheath, England, on Friday read poems, verses and stories inspired by the bombing of Hiroshima, Japan, 59 years ago. The protesters planned to remain at the base throughout the weekend in a Peace Camp.

had nuclear weapons. They didn't end World War II."

The Peace Camp sponsor is the Lakenheath Action Group, a local organization that says RAF Lakenheath has nuclear weapons and wants them removed from the

base.

The base has long refused to either confirm or deny their presence, a strategy used again Friday when asked by Stars and Stripes about the claims of the protesters.

Other anti-nuclear groups in the United Kingdom, including Trident Ploughshares and the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, are joining this weekend's effort.

The protesters will be visible

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around the base through Monday. They hoped to pitch tents just outside the base and have plans to walk around the base perimeter.

They will discuss their aims, train in nonviolent protest and make banners, among other events. One banner already on the fence Friday read, "Top Secret Nukes Inside."

Zelter said the world is threatened by nuclear weapons now, but not from rogue states that might develop them. America and the United Kingdom are the leading culprits.

She said both countries threatened to use nuclear weapons against Iraq if Saddam Hussein used any weapons of mass destruction.

"I would define that as state terrorism," she said.

Marguerite Finn said her ultimate hope is global nuclear disarmament.

"This is a dangerous world we're living in, and we have to reduce this risk," she said.

Carroll said the goals of the protesters and the people who work and live on the base are the same.

"We want peace in the world," he said. "I think there's an argument about how you go about it."

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MILITARY UPDATE

Army finds no lack of recruits for infantry

Whether for patriotism, adventure or economic opportunity, recruits are streaming into Fort Benning, Ga., this summer for infantry training and a frontline role in the war on terrorism.

Even as news outlets emphasize the chaos and casualties of Iraq, and a divided U.S. citizenry debates the wisdom of the war there, the Infantry Training Brigade at Benning is flush with volunteers, many of whom can expect to face combat in the coming months or years.

The swell of volunteers is more evidence, officials contend, of the resiliency and vitality of the all-volunteer U.S. military.

Lt. Col. Allen Smith, deputy commander of the Infantry Training Brigade, said in a phone interview that the course of these young men, arriving in groups of 220 almost every Friday, will compare well, in time, to the celebrated, draft-induced "Greatest Generation" of World War II.

Despite the dangers and hardships of Iraq and Afghanistan, Smith said, "We still see a very dedicated young man [enlisting] to serve his country. Tom Brokaw wrote the book about The Greatest Generation. We say, well, this generation has a lot [too]. It's just that history hasn't identified yet what this generation is going to do."

Fort Benning, the hub of Army infantry training, is bustling as the Army tries to grow by at least 10,000 troops a year through 2006 and to rebalance forces to meet war-time commitments and ease the burden of too frequent deployments on active and reserve component units.

The Army is growing "as fast as we can," said Gen. Peter Schoemaker, its chief of staff at a July 26 press con-

Tom Philippott



ference. He described efforts to recruit more youth, to retain more experienced soldiers and to attract separating Navy and Air Force members under a "Blue to Green" initiative.

The Infantry Training Brigade at Benning has grown from 24 companies to 30 since spring, and will reach 37 companies by December. The increase in training capacity will be enough to produce 10,500 more infantrymen a year, atop the current annual average of 14,000.

Apart from the obvious strain on recruiters who must scramble to sign enough volunteers, the heavier stream of infantry recruits poses infrastructure and supply line challenges at Benning, Smith said.

Modular barracks are spouting. Firing ranges are so taxed that coordination of schedules must be precise. Dental and medical staffs need to expand. Extra buses have been leased to transport recruits between training sites. Extra bunks, wall lockers and personal gear, including helmets and packs, are on order. So far the brigade has avoided shortages that could slow training but it's a great worry as the end of the fiscal year approaches.

Brigade statistics show the typical infantry recruit is 20 years old. All are men because women are banned from the infantryman specialty. Seventy-nine percent of infantry recruits are white, 8 percent black and 13 percent are other races including Hispanic. Seven percent have some college education, 65 percent are high school graduates, 21 percent did not graduate but passed a General Educational Development (GED) exam. Seven percent of infantry recruits are listed only as "non-high school graduates."

Ten percent are married.

After 14 weeks and a graduation, most infantry soldiers go on to other training like airborne school, Ranger indoctrination, Special Forces training or specific instruction on the Bradley Fighting Vehicle or Dragon anti-tank missile. Some soldiers, however, go directly to a divisional unit and if that unit is headed to Iraq or Afghanistan, so are they.

Some Army officials, like many outside observers, expected a dip in recruiting for the combat arms after U.S. forces invaded and occupied Iraq. That hasn't occur, Smith said, and he isn't sure why. [Almost 1,000 U.S. servicemen have died and more than 4,600 have suffered wounds.]

Despite the Army's push to train infantrymen, Smith said, training standards have not changed. No one is cutting corners. At graduation, even with tours in Iraq or Afghanistan looming, "families are so appreciative" of changes in their sons, seeing them transformed to soldiers, Smith said.

"I just tell them, 'Hey, it's the drill sergeant that works that magic.'"

Graduate soldiers and families, Smith said, are no more likely today to dwell on the dangers ahead than they were before the war in Iraq. "There is apprehension but it is not widespread. There is inquisitiveness but not massive [worry] over what they face."

That they are there at all, as volunteers, is a small miracle to many Americans.

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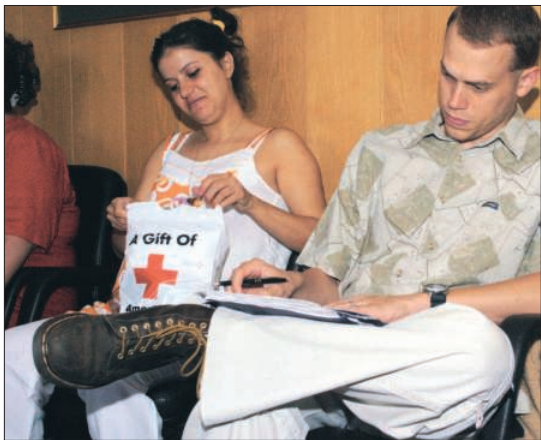
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Senay Stone and Staff Sgt. Eric Stone, of 39th Communication Squadron at Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, receive an American Red Cross welcome bag and fill out paperwork during an inprocessing briefing Friday at Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany. Stone is one of eight expectant mothers based in Incirlik who were flown with their families to Spangdahlem to deliver their babies.

USAF stork express brings 8 moms-to-be to Germany

Bitburg, Landstuhl to take over deliveries after problems are found at hospital serving Incirlik

BY MARNI MCENTEE

Stars and Stripes

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — Eight pregnant women from Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, arrived in Germany early Friday so they could deliver their babies at military hospitals.

The women were moved because a recent medical assessment found that the Turkish hospital in Adana, where military spouses were getting obstetrics care, lacked adequate facilities, said Col. Michael Gardiner, commander of Incirlik's 39th Air Base Wing.

"Doctors felt that it was probably best to send the mothers up to Germany to deliver until we get issues resolved at the local hospital, which we're going to do," Gardiner said Thursday.

The eight women arrived at 3 a.m. aboard a KC-135, accompanied by their husbands and other children, Gardiner said.

"It's a tough time and we're making sure we're taking care of them as good as possible," he said.

Seven of the women will deliver at Bitburg Hospital and the other at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center. The transfer of preg-

nant women may occur through the first of the year, Gardiner said.

While at Bitburg, the families will live at a temporary lodging facility within walking distance of the hospital and also nearby the commissary, base exchange and other services.

Several agencies on base were working furiously Wednesday and Thursday to prepare for the arrival, said Kelly Childs, Air Force Aid officer at the base family support center. The commissary, for example, donated food so their refrigerators would have some basics such as bread, milk and cereal.

"We're going to welcome them into our community and make them part of it," Childs said. "As long as they stay here, we're excited to have them."

Each family will have a sponsor to get members oriented to the area and help them get to appointments as needed. Childs said the aid society is giving the families a grant, which will be used for cellular phone service.

In addition, the personnel office is working to ensure that the new arrivals get their passports.

The families landed at Ram-

stein and were driven to Bitburg. Future flights may come directly to Spangdahlem, said Lt. Col. Markham Brown, chief of the medical staff for the 52nd Medical Group.

The women, most of whom are in their last month of pregnancy, will be cared for at the hospital's obstetrics unit and will likely stay a week or two after their child is delivered, Markham said.

The hospital delivers roughly 20 babies a month, he said.

Gardiner, the Incirlik commander, said an Air Force doctor from Landstuhl recently conducted the regularly scheduled assessment of the Adana hospital.

The hospital plans to correct the shortcomings, which include inadequately sized rooms and certain equipment that didn't function correctly.

Many American women had relied on the hospital for their obstetrics care and had no problems at all, Gardiner said. No one was ever harmed there, and after the upgrades are done he expects women to return.

Troops still go to the hospital for certain other types of care they can't find at the military clinic on base, he said.

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Pentagon working to make sure military ballots get counted

BY SANDRA JONTZ

Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — Pentagon leaders have taken steps to correct a voting oversight that four years ago kept hundreds of ballots from being counted in the nation's highly contested presidential election.

In the 2000 election, Florida election officials threw out hundreds of overseas absentee ballots because they lacked postmarks, a problem highlighted because of the close count in votes cast for Al Gore and George Bush at the polls, said Charles Abell, principal deputy undersecretary for Personnel and Readiness.

While federal policy did not require ballots have postal cancellation marks, in order to sidestep another debacle the Pentagon has equipped voting assistance officers worldwide, including those deployed on ships, with cancellation devices that will postmark and date election ballots, he said.

And many states have made it easier for voters to register and cast their ballots in requests such as allowing faxed-in changes and providing forms that can be downloaded from the Internet, Abell said.

With elections three months away, it's boiling down to crunch time for military and overseas voters who want to cast absentee ballots.

The Defense Department is responsible for assisting more than 6 million potential voters get necessary absentee information and voting materials, including 1.4 million uniformed voters, 1.3 million dependents of voting age, 100,000 federal civilian employees overseas, and even 3.7 million civilians living overseas not affiliated with the government. A 1998 executive order makes DOD responsible for assisting ex-patriates or U.S. citizens living and

working overseas, even if they have no ties to the federal government, Abell said.

Of the 1.4 million uniformed voters, 492,000 are serving or stationed outside of the United States, including the 130,000 active, Reserve and Guard troops deployed to Iraq, and those in Kuwait, Afghanistan and on ships.

Since each state has varying deadlines for registration and submitting ballots, the Pentagon provides a general timeline that voters should follow to ensure their vote gets counted, Abell said.

Voters should register and request ballots no later than the week of Sept. 3-11, and should submit actual ballots the week of Oct. 11-15, he said.

Those guidelines "should" ensure that votes are registered, even if sent "from the remotest part of the world to the remotest part of the United States," Abell said.

To expedite the mailing process, the Pentagon teamed with the U.S. Postal Service to use specially marked envelopes to ship election materials overnight, and postal clerks give those envelopes priority.

The Pentagon's Federal Voting Assistance Program maintains a Web site that is a "one-stop information center" to let voters download and print registration forms and get detailed information on the varying state requirements, he said. The site is www.fvap.gov. Toll-free phone access for questions has been boosted from 58 countries to 66.

To make registering and voting easier, the Pentagon worked with a number of states, and now 32 states accept faxed ballot request forms, up from 23, he said. And 23 states let voters fax in their ballots instead of mailing them, up from 17, Abell said. Detailed lists are posted on the FVAP Web site.

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New commander for the 7th Fleet



Rear Adm. Jonathan W. Greenert, right, newly assigned commander of the U.S. Navy's 7th Fleet, and outgoing commander Vice Adm. Robert F. Willard salute during a change-of-command ceremony at the 7th Fleet's base in Yokosuka, Japan, on Friday. Greenert took over Willard's post to carry on the task of the fleet, the U.S. Navy's largest forward-deployed fleet.

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IN THE WORLD

Hiroshima marks bombing anniversary

BY KATSUMI KASAHARA

The Associated Press

HIROSHIMA, Japan — The memory of Hiroshima marked the anniversary of the world's first atomic bomb attack Friday by lashing out at the United States for its pursuit of next-generation nuclear weapons, and called on a global ban on all nuclear arms by 2020.

Tadatoshi Akiba said Washington had turned its back on other nations and accused President Bush's administration of taking an "egocentric" view of the world.

"Ignoring the United Nations and international law, the United States has resumed research to make nuclear weapons smaller and more 'usable,'" he said at the 59th annual ceremony in the western city's Peace Memorial Park.

In June, the U.S. Senate approved spending for the Bush administration's research into — but not development of — new nuclear "bunker buster" and "mini-nuke" warheads.

The nuclear bunker buster

would be designed to hit targets deep underground, such as subterranean military command centers that are beyond the reach of conventional arms. The mini-nukes would have the explosive power of less than 5,000 tons of TNT — one-fourth the size of the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima.

The United States has had a self-imposed ban on nuclear testing since 1992.

But Akiba said the world needs to dismantle and ban all weapons like the U.S. atomic bomb that killed or wounded 160,000 people on Aug. 6, 1945.

He also branded North Korea's development of nuclear weapons a "worthless policy of nuclear insurance."

Ceremonies will be held Saturday on the anniversary of the atomic bombing of Nagasaki, on the southernmost main island of Kyushu. About 70,000 people were killed by an atomic bomb dropped on Nagasaki from a U.S. aircraft, three days after the one that hit Hiroshima.

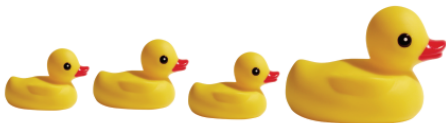
On Aug. 15, 1945, Japan's surrender ended World War II.



A Japanese woman offers prayers after placing a lantern Friday night to honor those killed in the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, the world's first atomic bomb attack. Friday was the 59th anniversary of the bombing.

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MORE FAMILY



Central Asia, Russia hold terror exercises

The Associated Press

BALYKCHI, Kyrgyzstan — Russian jets and helicopters struck mountainside targets in northern Kyrgyzstan on Friday as elite soldiers stormed a village to practice rooting out militants in Central Asia's largest military exercises since the Soviet collapse.

The more than 2,000 troops in the exercises aimed to demonstrate the ability of countries in the Collective Security Treaty Organization, a group of six former Soviet republics, to turn back a terrorist incursion.

It was also a chance for Russia to show it still is a force in Central Asia, where the arrival of U.S. troops after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in the United States spawned a new struggle for influence in the strategic area.

Similar exercises will be held in the region next year, said Russian Defense Minister Sergei Ivanov.

Aircraft from a new Russian-led base in Kyrgyzstan took part in the exercises for the first time, and Ivanov said Moscow plans to invest in improving the infrastructure of the base in the city of Kant. U.S. forces are also based in Kyrgyzstan.

Kyrgyz President Askar Akayev said the Kant base should develop more and become "a bastion of security" in Central Asia. In the exercises, troops from Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan battled 120 fictitious militants in a steep, barren Kyrgyzstan gorge. Helicopters fired a barrage of rockets, and fighter jets bombed a village to weed out militants. Special forces from all four countries then swept into the village.

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Probation for 2 Germans in Berlin Wall trial

BERLIN — Two former members of the body that ruled communist East Germany were found guilty Friday of failing to prevent shooting deaths at the Berlin Wall and sentenced to probation in what is likely to be the last trial of its kind.

Hans-Joachim Boehme, 74, and Siegfried Lorenz, 73, walked out of the Berlin state court as free men, but were convicted of being accessories to murder in three wall deaths in 1986-89. They each received a year of probation.

Both were deemed essential decision-makers in the communist-era Politburo, which was responsible for the shoot-to-kill policy for guards who spotted anyone trying to cross the barrier from East Berlin to the West.

About 1,000 people were killed trying to cross the Berlin Wall and other heavily fortified stretches of Germany's east-west border between 1961 and the 1989 fall of the Wall.

From The Associated Press

IN THE STATES

Bush: Terror warning was his obligation

BY TERENCE HUNT

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush on Friday defended the decision to issue terrorism warnings and tighten security in New York and Washington, saying "the threats we're dealing with are real" even though some of the intelligence on which the government acted was as much as four years old.

"When we find out intelligence

that is real, that threatens people, I believe we have an obligation as government to share that with people," Bush told a convention of minority journalists.

"Imagine what would happen if we didn't share that information with the people in those buildings and something were to happen, then what would you write? What would you say?"

On Sunday, authorities elevated alert levels in New York, Washington D.C. and Newark, N.J., be-

lieving terrorists might be plotting attacks on specific financial institutions. The intelligence behind the warnings — including hundreds of detailed surveillance photos, sketches and written documents — came from sources including a seized laptop and computer discs and from interviews after the July arrest of a young Pakistani computer engineer, Mohammad Naesem Noor Khan.

"The threats we're dealing with are real and therefore we must do everything we can to ferret out the truth and follow leads," the president said. "People are now seeing there was other reasons why we took the action we took."

Meanwhile, James Loy, deputy secretary of homeland security, said Friday officials have evidence that photographs of Prudential Financial's headquarters in Newark, N.J., were taken in January. The photos were among other materials that led officials

to raise the terror alert level in north Jersey, New York City and Washington.

Bush, who was returning to the campaign trail in New Hampshire later Friday, said the government has a solemn duty to follow every lead it finds.

"This is a dangerous time," Bush said. "I wish it wasn't this way. I wish I wasn't the war president. Who in the heck wants to be a war president? I don't. But this is what came out of war."

Brit arrested for alleged terror link

BY MATT APUZZO

The Associated Press

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — A British man arrested earlier this week operated two U.S.-based Web sites to recruit and raise money for Taliban fighters and possessed a classified Navy document, federal prosecutors said Friday.

Authorities said the document Babar Ahmad, 30, had contained information on battle group plans for U.S. Navy vessels involved in operations against Taliban and al-Qaida fighters in Afghanistan.

Ahmad, arrested Wednesday in London on a U.S. extradition warrant, made his first court appearance there Friday. When asked if he understood the charges against him, he told the court: "Not really. It's all a bit confusing to me."

According to an arrest warrant affidavit unsealed in Connecticut on Friday, investigators discovered the Navy document on a floppy disk at his parents' house in London. Authorities also found a compact disc with audio tracks praising Osama bin Laden. In the London hearing, Rosemary Fernandes, representing the United States, said the April 2001 Navy document had been seized by British police in 2003 and verified by U.S. authorities.

The battle group was never activated.

Ahmad was allegedly communicating with a U.S. Navy enlistee on the USS Benfold who was sympathetic to the jihad cause, U.S. Attorney Kevin O'Connor said. Authorities have not named the man, or accused the enlistee of providing the document to Ahmad. "The Navy knows who he is and is taking appropriate precautions," O'Connor said.

Lt. Ohene Gyapong, a U.S. Navy spokesman, said "there is currently no tie between the sailor and the information on the battle group."

The affidavit said Ahmad ran two Web sites. One, azzam.com, was run out of a Trumbull, Conn.-based internet provider, OLM LLC, from 1999 until 2001. From 1997 to 1998, the document says, it was run through a Las Vegas-based Internet provider, Internet Quality Services.

The affidavit quoted the site as saying: "Azzam Publications has been set up to propagate the call for jihad... to incite the believers and also, secondly, to raise some money for the brothers."

The affidavit said the Web site also encouraged people to become trained in martial arts, street fighting, sword and knife fighting and use of firearms, the affidavit said. It also told people to research sniper training, land mine operations, mortars and combat, according to the affidavit.

U.S. investigators said they know two U.S. citizens, one in Connecticut and one in New Jersey, who provided money to Ahmad.

Associated Press writer Jill Lawless in London contributed to this report.

Rick James found dead in L.A.

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Funk legend Rick James, best known for the 1981 hit "Super Freak," died Friday, apparently of natural causes, police said.

James died at 9:45 a.m. at a residence near Universal City, said Police Department spokeswoman Esther Reyes.

"We learned of his death after responding to a radio call," Reyes said.

After his big hit, James' fame began to fade as he became embroiled in drugs, legal problems and health issues.

James was convicted in 1993 of assaulting two women. The first attack occurred in 1991 when he

restrained and burned a young woman with a hot pipe during a cocaine binge at his house in West Hollywood.

James was free on bail when the second assault occurred in 1992 in James' hotel room.

James was sentenced to more than two years in state prison.

In 1997, he released a new album, but a year later he suffered a stroke while performing

at Denver's Mammoth Events Center, dealing a comeback tour. In 1998 he also underwent hip replacement surgery.

With his trademark Jheri curl, James was one of the biggest R&B stars of the 1980s, using danceable rhythms and passionate ballads to gain a wide following. Aside from "Super Freak" — which MC Hammer used a decade later as the backing track for his monster hit "U Can't Touch This" — James' hits included "Mary Jane," "Ebony Eyes" and "Fire and Desire."

James regained some pop culture fame this year after Comedy Central's "Chappelle's Show" spoofed the singer's wild club life in the '80s.



James

Keyes to run for Illinois senate seat

WASHINGTON — Former presidential hopeful and talk-show host Alan Keyes has agreed to become Illinois Republican U.S. Senate candidate and will announce his intentions Sunday, a senior party official said Friday.

Keyes, a resident of Maryland, would face Democrat Barack Obama for the seat of retiring Sen. Peter Fitzgerald, a Republican. The Republicans

were forced to find a candidate after primary winner Jack Ryan dropped out in late June amid embarrassing sex club allegations in his divorce records. Keyes was carefully planning a high-profile introduction to Illinois voters, beginning Sunday, said the Republican official familiar with the decision. The official spoke on condition of anonymity, citing Keyes' wishes to make his announcement public Sunday.

From The Associated Press



FBI agents investigating the 2001 anthrax attacks remove materials from a bungalow Thursday in Dover Township, N.J. Agents also searched two upstate New York homes belonging to the founder of an anti-terrorism organization that trains medical professionals to respond to chemical and biological attacks.

Agents search N.Y., N.J. homes in anthrax probe

BY JEFF LINKOWS

The Associated Press

DOVER TOWNSHIP, N.J. — FBI agents investigating the 2001 anthrax attacks searched the homes of a doctor who, days after the first anthrax mailings, had applied for a patent for a system to identify chemical and biological attacks.

Hours after Thursday's raids, Dr. Kenneth M. Berry was charged with assault for allegedly fighting with four family members at a seaside motel, authorities said. Berry, 46, of Wellsville, N.Y., was released from jail on \$10,000 bond.

More than three dozen agents, some in protective suits, combed through two Wellsville homes listed in property records as Berry's past and present addresses.

The investigators in Wellsville, a village of 5,000 residents near the Pennsylvania line, wrapped up their daylong search after dark but did not reveal whether they found anthrax, Mayor Brad Thompson said Friday.

About 250 miles to the southeast, officers searching the summer home of Barry's parents Thursday brought out garbage bags that appeared to be filled with bulky contents, said Jonathan DeGraw, 26, who rents the house next door.

They also removed boxes containing clear plastic bags.

Two flatbed trucks hauled away two vehicles, according to another neighbor, Adam Fadel. One of the vehicles was returned Thursday evening.

There was no sign of law enforcement activity there Friday morning. Someone appeared to be inside, but no one answered a reporter's knock at the door. An FBI spokesman in Washington said the FBI and Postal Inspection Service were searching multiple locations in Wellsville and Dover Township as part of the anthrax probe. He declined to say what agents were seeking.

"There is no present danger to public health or safety," said Joe Parris, FBI supervisory special agent.

Anthrax-laced envelopes were mailed in full 2001 to government offices and news media. Five people were killed and 17 fell ill.

Attorney General John Ashcroft had labeled Dr. Steven Hatfill, a former government scientist and bioweapons expert, as a "person of interest" in the case. Hatfill, who once worked at the Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases at Fort Detrick, Md., had denied any wrongdoing and sued Ashcroft and other officials, saying his reputation was ruined. The lawsuit is pending. Hatfill's attorney Tom Connolly in Washington, D.C., declined to comment Friday on the searches involving Berry.

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BY SAMIRA JAFARI

The Associated Press

ATMORE, Ala. — After waiting 27 years to see his mother's killer put to death, Jimmy Montgomery didn't think it mattered that the condemned man was 74 years old.

The fact that James Barney Hubbard was the oldest prisoner on Alabama's death row was all the more reason for the state to go ahead and execute him Thursday, Montgomery said.

Hubbard died by lethal injection for the 1977 murder of 62-year-old Lillian Montgomery. She was shot in the head and robbed after befriending Hubbard, who had been released from prison after serving 19 years for a 1957 killing.

Her son said he was disappointed that Hubbard offered no last words or apology to the four generations of the Montgomery family who attended the execution at Holman Prison near Atmore.

A pale, white-haired Hubbard maintained eye contact with his daughter, Barbara McKinnis, who witnessed the execution from another room, until he died at 6:36 p.m.

His attorney, Alan Rose of Boston, and spiritual adviser, John Courtney, also attended.

Earlier Thursday, the U.S. Supreme Court voted 5-4 to deny a stay of execution for Hubbard.

His attorney contended it would amount to cruel and unusual punishment to execute an inmate so old and mentally incompetent.

Gov. Bob Riley rejected a request to commute Hubbard's sentence to what he called a "heinous and violent" crime.

In his filing with the Supreme Court, defense attorney Alan Rose said that although "Hubbard's age-based execution claim appears to raise a novel issue," it was in line with other claims of cruel and unusual punishment.

The state in arguing for the execution said that "murderers — especially repeat killers like Hubbard — do not deserve 'leniency' merely because their life of crime does not result in the imposition of a death sentence until later in life."

Hubbard, in his federal appeals, said he didn't speak up about his mental state and health sooner because the conditions didn't exist when he was younger. Court filings on his behalf say he has been diagnosed with dementia, along with other ailments.

Hubbard appealed to the Supreme Court Wednesday after a federal appeals court denied his request for a stay.

Chief Justice William Rehnquist and Justices Sandra Day O'Connor, Antonin Scalia, Anthony Kennedy and Clarence Thomas voted to deny the stay.

Justices John Paul Stevens, David Souter, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen Breyer would have granted it.

President's nephew George P. to marry

BY BRENDAN FARRINGTON

The Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — George P. Bush may still be a rising star in the political world, but he will no longer be among the country's hottest bachelors.

The 28-year-old son of Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and nephew of President Bush plans to wed Amanda Williams on Saturday at a private ceremony at the Bush family compound in Kennebunkport, Maine.

George Prescott Bush once held the No. 4 spot on People magazine's list of 100 most eligible bachelors and has been a charming, telegenic presence in the campaigns of his uncle and his father.

Neither Williams nor Bush were available for comment Thursday.

The two met while attending law school at the University of Texas at Austin. They began dating after Bush asked her if she

wanted to join him in a round of golf.

The bride-to-be works for the

Jackson

Walker law firm in Fort

Worth,

Texas,

specializing in

commercial

and labor litigation.

This fall,

George P.

Bush will

leave his position as an

assistant to

U.S. Judge Sidney Fitzwater in

Dallas and join the Dallas office of

Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Field, where he will work in corporate law. The firm is one of the

world's largest and earns millions

lobbying in Washington.

Bush has talked about someday

running for office, but his parents

have advised him to first begin a

career and start a family.



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Looking at the news

A weekly sampling of U.S. editorial cartoons



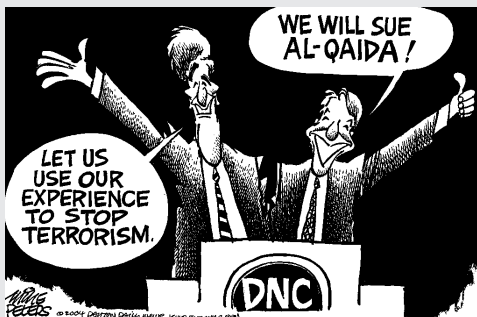
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New slogan wanted

KS TOPEKA — The city of Topeka is looking for a new slogan, but some residents just couldn't resist poking fun at their city's image.

Officials planned to begin a contest in October, with the winning motto to be announced around Dec. 5, Topeka's 150th anniversary.

But The Topeka Capital-Journal decided to get a head start.

Some suggestions aren't likely to win official approval: "Topeka — you won't get a lot of unwanted relatives visiting you," and "Topeka — not as bad as you think."

Mayor James McClintock said Topeka has positive aspects like the Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site and the Statehouse that it can promote and shouldn't get sidetracked by naysayers.

The slogan will be used to promote the city so it must portray it favorably — unlike many of the suggestions that the Topeka Convention and Visitors Bureau has received already.

Monkey bites young boy

NY NEW YORK — A monkey trained to help a disabled man with chores bit a 2-year-old boy in a supermarket, authorities said.

The boy, Thomas Romano, was shopping with his grandparents at the Key Food store in Brooklyn on Monday when the monkey bit him on the arm. He was treated at a hospital and released.

The monkey's owner, Steven Seidler, 45, said the animal attacked around Romano pulled its fur. Seidler is confined to a wheelchair and uses the monkey to help him open doors and pick things up.

But Romano's grandmother, Helene Romano, said the bite was unprovoked.

It is illegal to keep monkeys as pets in New York City, but permits are given for those trained to help the disabled.

Monitoring for meth

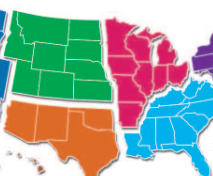
IA CHARLES CITY — The Floyd County sheriff's office has a new tool for monitoring anhydrous ammonia tanks to prevent theft by methamphetamine producers. It's a handheld thermal imaging device that senses heat and generates images in all lighting conditions, including darkness. The device was free through a technology transfer program sponsored by the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

GPA changes in store

AZ TUCSON — The University of Arizona is considering changing the way grade point averages are calculated to make room for pluses and minuses. Arizona State University will make the change this fall, leaving UA as the only school in the Pac-10 that doesn't use a plus and minus system. A school official said failing to switch may put the school at a disadvantage.

Inmates work overtime

WA OLYMPIA — Washington inmates put in 3.5 million hours in 2003 working in jails, for a



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government agency, or the community. At the state minimum wage, that was worth nearly \$25 million, the Washington State Jail Industries Board said. Inmates cook, clean and do laundry in jail. Officials say inmates aren't taking private jobs. They typically aren't paid.

Outstanding warrants

LA SHREVEPORT — Caddo Parish deputies are seeking out about 9,800 offenders with outstanding warrants after telling people to come in and take care of them. Sheriff Steve Prator says most of the active warrants are for misdemeanors such as first offense driving while intoxicated, not wearing a seat belt, fishing without a license or failing to show up in court.

Man can't own pets

NY WAVERLY — A man who broke into an animal shelter to abandon his German Shepherd has been ordered not to own a pet for the next decade. A Tioga County judge sentenced Michael Bostwick, 25, to 10 years of not owning or having any contact with animals.

In addition to the no-pet edict, Bostwick will also have to make restitution to Stray Haven Humane Society.

Insurance struggle

ND BISMARCK — North Dakota's only abortion clinic has malpractice insurance from a company that has been disciplined in



Ball practice

Deion Harper, 3, gets some batting assistance from his brother Jahmar Harper, 10, Wednesday in Wichita, Kan.

several states, officials said.

Jim Poolman, the state's insurance commissioner, wants to draft an order for Professional Liability Insurance Co. Ltd. to quit doing business in the state.

Poolman said Jane Bo-Bard, director of the Red River Women's Clinic of Fargo, has refused to provide him the clinic's insurance records and he intends to subpoena them.

Bo-Bard told the agency that she will not turn over the records, on advice of her attorney. Bo-Bard, president of the National Coalition of Abortion Providers, said the insurer has defended other abortion clinics against malpractice cases.

Last month, the Washington state insurance commissioner ordered PLIC, as the company is known, to quit doing business there.

Boy punished for threats

VA ROANOKE — A teenager who allegedly used a library computer to threaten President Bush was ordered to write a research paper on homeland security, and he'll have to do it without the Internet.

The teenager e-mailed threats to kill the president and bomb the White House from a library computer, authorities said. In May, he pleaded guilty to felony charges of extortion, threatening to kill the president and threatening to bomb the White House.

Bounds decided Tuesday to delay final disposition until a Nov. 16 hearing.

There was no evidence the youth posed a genuine threat, a prosecutor said. "It was just a 13-year-old kid acting out," Commonwealth's Attorney Randy Leach said.

From fires to concerts

PA BETHLEHEM — Anthony Vanic, a firefighter for more than eight years, is quitting to pursue a country music career in Nashville, Tenn.

Vanic resigned as a city firefighter on June 28 and will move to Nashville to perform under the stage name Anthony Michael James.

After 10 years of playing music, Vanic released his first record, "Old Friends," in July. He is already lining up concerts, including an appearance Aug. 14 at Bethlehem's Musikfest.

Fire Commissioner Kevin Mozyan said the department will regret losing a firefighter, "But when somebody has an opportunity for a career that some people only dream of, that's great."

Suspicious trash

NM SUNLAND PARK — A few truckloads of trash brought to the Camino Real Landfill in Sunland Park have raised the suspicion of inspectors with the state Environment Department.

The trash will be tested for possible asbestos, heavy metals and bits of medical waste, said department spokesman John Goldstein.

Gov. Bill Richardson ordered the inspections a day earlier, saying the state had received reports that hazardous waste had been illegally dumped at the landfill.



Wet walk

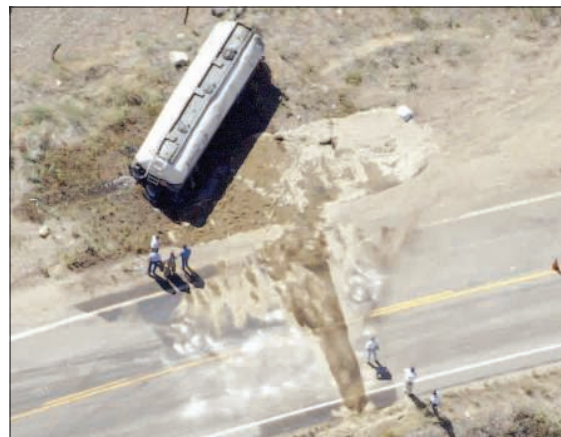
From left, Cierra Walton, Ebonye Starks and Quintana Hughes seek shelter from the rain as they walk down a

Yankee Road sidewalk Wednesday in Middletown, Ohio.



Landing zone

A pollen-covered bee comes in for landing to collect more pollen from a sunflower Tuesday in a garden east of Myrtle Creek, Ore.



Tanker stops traffic A tanker truck carrying jet fuel lies overturned on Highway 55 north of Horseshoe Bend, Idaho, on Wednesday after spilling a portion of its load. Traffic along the busy highway was stopped in both directions until the spill could be removed.



Fenced in Huntington Police Detective Patrolman Dave Hummcutt works with a crowbar to free a raccoon from a fence Wednesday morning at the David Ruppert residence in Huntington, Ind. Ruppert was eating breakfast when he noticed the animal trapped in his back yard. He tried to free it by using a broom, but the raccoon's right hind leg was firmly wedged between fence boards. Ruppert called the Humane Shelter, who referred him to police. After Hummcutt succeeded in prying the animal loose, it scampered underneath Ruppert's shed. Ruppert said he plans to get a live trap from the shelter and catch the raccoon, then release it at the reservoir.



Cool idea Decatur, Ala., Austin High School drummer Chip Owens provided his own shade in the form of a sombrero Tuesday at a week long band camp.



Blue skies at the fair From left, Joyce Morrison, Jackie Morrison, Erika Tanney and Eric Jones use umbrellas to fend off the sun as they watch a horse show Tuesday at the Johnson County Fair in Gardner, Kan.

Man hiccups to hospital

PA PITTSBURGH — It's uncommon, but it does happen. Pennsylvania state Rep. Larry Roberts has been hospitalized with hiccups since July 19.

"Almost everyone gets hiccups," said Dr. Marc Iskowitz, a doctor of internal medicine and assistant professor of medicine at Pittsburgh's Allegheny General Hospital.

Usually they last no more than a few hours, but two categories are much more tenacious.

"Rarely they can be 'persistent,' which is more than 48 hours, or 'intractable,' which is two months or more," Iskowitz said.

Roberts has undergone tests to determine the cause, of which there are more than 100 known, because there can be no cure without that information.

"It's improving," said Doris Perno, manager of Roberts' office.

"There are longer lapses between them."

Roberts himself was unavailable for comment, but Perno said he was very hoarse.

USO opens at airport

NC RALEIGH — The USO of North Carolina will open a satellite office at Raleigh-Durham International Airport on Thursday, providing snacks and a waiting room for troops headed to and from North Carolina military bases and posts. The airport donated the 1,550-square-foot area within Terminal A. It's outfitted with various amenities including a kitchenette, a small dining area and a coffee station.

Eying porch couches

MI ANN ARBOR — The city council has proposed banning upholstered couches on front porches and lawns at the University of Michigan campus. The couches, a staple at outdoor parties and afternoon lounging, are a fire hazard, fire officials say. The ban has upset some on campus who say city leaders want to get rid of the couches for no good reason.

Polls not handicap ready

NH CONCORD — The Attorney General's office wants every community to make all polling places fully accessible to the handicapped before next month's state primary, even though none currently are. Assistant Secretary of State Thomas Manning says most of the problems are minor, such as ramps that are too steep, too long or don't have handrails.

Lawyer taken hostage

FL JACKSONVILLE — A man who authorities said was unhappy with the outcome of a court case took an attorney hostage and threatened to set off a bomb in a high rise unless a judge resigned. His demands were met — or so it was made to seem.

John M. Knight surrendered shortly after the judge pretended to resign on live television Wednesday, said John Bowen, chief of homeland security for the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office.

Authorities said the judge had handled a case involving Knight.

The attorney, Christopher Hazelip, was freed unharmed.

Knight, 45, told police he knew the judge's resignation would not be accepted, but felt it was the best way to get his message out that he was unhappy with her handling of his case.

Sen. didn't pay tickets

MA BOSTON — State Sen. Anne Wilkerson, who was once convicted of failing to pay her taxes, had her car towed after running up about \$1,300 in unpaid parking tickets.

A spokesman for Wilkerson, a Boston Democrat, said she just found out about the tickets and retrieved the car after paying the bill.

"She takes full responsibility for this," spokesman Barry Lawton said.

Lawton said the car was booted in front of Wilkerson's campaign office on Tremont Street.

Wilkerson, an attorney who has served in the state Senate since 1993, has a history of personal financial problems.

Bird flies into a mess

CA YUBA CITY — Not only did this chicken not make it across the road, but it wound up in a motorist's windshield wipers.

Yuba City Police Lt. Bill Ollar said a man reported that he was driving along a Highway 99 frontage road when a chicken flew by and became entangled in the wipers.

The man said he didn't want to try to free the bird himself so he drove to the police station in this farming community, about 35 miles north of Sacramento. An officer suggested that he turn on his wipers to see if that would free the chicken, but it only set off a "wing-flapping, screaming frenzy," police said.

Finally, an officer donned rubber gloves and freed the bird, which was unharmed but got away.

Drive-thru delivery

SD MOUNT VERNON — Call it a drive-thru delivery.

The birth of Elaine and Rodney Schabot's new baby gives the term full-service bank a whole new meaning.

CorTrust Bank's Mount Vernon branch became a maternity ward when the couple couldn't make it to the hospital.

The couple was headed for a hospital about 25 miles from home, after Elaine Schabot went into labor. But as they traveled east along Interstate 90, a blinding rainstorm cut visibility to near zero and Schabot told her husband she needed to stop.

They stopped at the bank, where they are regular customers.

Fifteen minutes later, their 6-pound, 15-ounce daughter arrived.

Assistant bank manager Diana Descombas said the couple ran inside, saying they were about to have a baby. She called 911 and Paul Morris, a firefighter and paramedic who lives in town. Even though he was off-duty, Morris rushed to the bank to assist with the delivery.

Stories and photos from wire reports

YOUR MONEY

We invest a lot in our mistakes

Advisers list oft-seen errors

BY MEG RICHARDS
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Every investor is distinct, but financial advisers know of one way we are painfully alike: We tend to make the same mistakes over and over again.

The CFA Institute, a nonprofit group that certifies financial analysts, recently asked its senior members to share their thoughts about the most common and costly mistakes individual investors make. Their informal survey generated this list of a dozen blunders made time and again:

No strategy: "People tend to take a 'ready, fire, aim, aim' approach," said Robert Johnson, senior vice president of CFA Institute. "They just start investing without any plan, and then they should step back and take a look at what their goals really are."

To build a strategy, you should consider how much money you're able to invest, how much you can add to it over time, how much time you have to reach your goals and how much risk you're willing to take.

Before you do any of that, however, make sure you have a budget, said Jeanie Wyatt, chief executive of South Texas Money Management in San Antonio.

Too little diversity: Single stocks are much riskier investments than diversified mutual funds. The best defense against market shifts is to maintain a broad portfolio that encompasses all the different asset classes and investment styles. But don't confuse mutual fund diversity with portfolio diversity.

Investing in stocks instead of in companies: The only reason you should ever buy a stock is because you believe the company has sound fundamentals and positive long-term prospects, not because you're hoping to snatch a profit from day-to-day price shifts. By the same token, liking a company's product is not sufficient reason to buy its stock.

Buying high: Most of us have heard the old Wall Street adage, "buy low and sell high." Many novice investors get this backward by "performance chasing," which is when you invest in hot sectors that have already had a good run and likely are past their peaks.

Selling low: The other side of buying high is holding onto the security that has declined because you hope to recoup your investment. Smart investors know when to cut their losses.



A New York City policeman patrols along the New York Stock Exchange on Wednesday after terror alerts for some U.S. financial institutions. Many investors are fearful of Wall Street for a different reason: They repeat bad investment practices and can't break the cycle.

Churning: In television commercials for brokerages, active traders are shown to be excitedly pointing and clicking to a rock music score. But in reality, frequent trading can eat into your total return.

Acting on tips: A whispered tip or investment advice heard on the radio could be worth checking out, but don't ever use something so flimsy as the sole basis for buying a security. "It's ironic that people will spend huge amounts of time and effort researching which \$200 DVD player they will buy... yet they'll invest thousands of dollars on an investment tip with no research to back it up," Johnson said. If you've heard about it, so have lots of other people.

Paying too much: You'd walk an extra block to avoid an ATM fee, or drive out of your way to save a few cents on gas, but you do

know what you're paying to maintain your portfolio? Keep an eye on all transaction costs, including management fees charged by your adviser and expenses on your mutual funds, to get a clear picture of your performance.

Making decisions based on taxes: Some people will hold onto an investment longer than they should to avoid paying capital gains taxes. While this is a factor you should consider, don't ever let tax considerations be the main driver of your investment decisions.

Unrealistic expectations: Get real about what returns are reasonable to expect, and take a long view. Last year many investors logged returns of 25 percent, but annual returns of about 10 percent or less are much more common.

Neglecting your portfolio or halting contributions after you've suffered a loss or when the market has turned lower is a mistake. You should make a point to review your holdings and your strategy on a regular basis.

Not knowing your true tolerance for risk: Figure out how much you're willing to take, how much money you could lose in the worst-case scenario and whether your portfolio — and your stomach — could handle the loss.

Toyota's hybrid goal is 30% before '06

BY JOHN PORRETTO
The Associated Press

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. — Toyota Motor Corp. has set a goal of selling 300,000 gas-electric hybrid vehicles worldwide by the end of next year, but production capacity may be a factor, Toyota President Fujio Cho said Wednesday.

Speaking at an automotive seminar, Cho said Japan's No. 1 automaker remained bullish on prospects for hybrids even as Toyota and others invest billions on technology for hydrogen fuel cell cars and trucks. But experts say road-ready hydrogen-powered vehicles are at least a decade away.

Toyota said \$3,293 hybrid vehicles worldwide last year and announced Tuesday it was boosting monthly production of its hybrid sedan, the Prius, from 10,000 to 15,000 a month next year to meet global demand. Toyota also plans to introduce two hybrid sport-utility vehicles early next year — the Toyota Highlander and Lexus RX400h.

Hybrids draw power from two energy sources, typically a gas or diesel engine combined with an electric motor. For now, the only versions available in the United States are Toyota's Prius and two small cars made by Honda Motor Co., but nearly every automaker is investing in hybrid technology.

Toyota sold 1.86 million vehicles in the United States last year, a 3.3 percent more than the year before — but Prius sales accounted for only 24,627.

So far this year, helped in part by higher gas prices, Toyota has sold more than 27,000 hybrid sedans, according to Autodata Corp. Mike Wall, an industry analyst with CSM Worldwide, said it's not out of the question that Toyota might one day build a hybrid version of its full-size pickup.

THURSDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

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NYSE				
Most Active (\$1 or more)	Net Chg	52-wk High	52-wk Low	Volume
Apple	+0.12	17.75	15.75	3,980,130
Microsoft	+0.12	31.87	28.12	1,819,110
Google	+0.12	294.00	240.00	1,210,000
Amazon	+0.12	3.46	3.00	2,112,572
Facebook	+0.12	190.00	172.00	1,100,000
Twitter	+0.12	110.00	90.00	1,100,000
LinkedIn	+0.12	100.00	80.00	1,100,000
Slack	+0.12	100.00	80.00	1,100,000
Zoom	+0.12	100.00	80.00	1,100,000
Webex	+0.12	100.00	80.00	1,100,000
GoTo	+0.12	100.00	80.00	1,100,000
Blackboard	+0.12	100.00	80.00	1,100,000
Canvas LMS	+0.12	100.00	80.00	1,100,000
FutureLearn	+0.12	100.00	80.00	1,100,000
FutureLearn	+0.12	100.00	80.00	1,100,000

KEY DEFENSE STOCKS				
Name	High	Low	Net Chg	% YTD
Alliant Technologies	45.00	44.00	-1.00	-2.22
Airbus	150.00	145.00	-5.00	-3.33
Boeing	100.00	95.00	-5.00	-5.00
General Dynamics	100.00	95.00	-5.00	-5.00
Lockheed Martin	100.00	95.00	-5.00	-5.00
Northrop Grumman	100.00	95.00	-5.00	-5.00
Raytheon	100.00	95.00	-5.00	-5.00
Textron	100.00	95.00	-5.00	-5.00
United Technologies	100.00	95.00	-5.00	-5.00
Westinghouse	100.00	95.00	-5.00	-5.00

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
British pound	\$1.2479
Japanese yen (Aug. 7)	108.00
S. Korean won (Aug. 6)	1,136.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.37698
British pound	\$1.2479
Canada (Dollar)	1.3168
Denmark (krone)	5.81
Euro	0.7517
Hong Kong (Dollar)	0.7991
Hungary (Forint)	202.17
Israel (Shekel)	4.452
Japan (Yen)	108.00
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.29470
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2723
Philippines (Peso)	55.74
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	2.47
Switzerland (Franc)	1.1668
Thailand (Baht)	46.84
U.S. dollar	1.4520000

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Most Active (\$1 or more)	Net Chg
Microsoft	+0.12
Apple	+0.12
Google	+0.12
Amazon	+0.12
Facebook	+0.12
Twitter	+0.12
LinkedIn	+0.12
Slack	+0.12
Zoom	+0.12
Webex	+0.12
GoTo	+0.12
Blackboard	+0.12
Canvas LMS	+0.12
FutureLearn	+0.12
FutureLearn	+0.12

KEY MUTUAL FUNDS				
Name	High	Low	Net Chg	% YTD
Fidelity Invest. Growth	44.00	43.00	-1.00	-2.27
Fidelity Invest. Growth	44.00	43.00	-1.00	-2.27
Fidelity Invest. Growth	44.00	43.00	-1.00	-2.27
Fidelity Invest. Growth	44.00	43.00	-1.00	-2.27
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Fidelity Invest. Growth	44.00	43.00	-1.00	-2.27
Fidelity Invest. Growth	44.00	43.00	-1.00	-2.27

Cents and Sensibility

Money tip of the day

Job-specific résumés

CBS MarketWatch

NEW YORK — Better word choice on your résumé can help you get more interviews when you're searching for a new job.

No matter the job, every employer is looking for candidates with a specific set of skills and experiences, which are most often described in the job listing. For example, a listing for a management position might include the words "manage," "leadership," "motivate" or "team," while a listing for a Web developer might use names of specific computer programs and systems.

Using those same keywords in your résumé can help. If it's a position down the initial résumé scan, your keywords can help you stand out.

Sources: The Associated Press, Bank of America, Bloomberg.com

PRECIOUS METALS

London close	
Gold	\$920.50
Silver	1.25

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	
Discount rate	2.25
Federal funds rate	1.25
3-month bill	1.47
10-year Treasury note	5.13
30-year Treasury bond	5.13
Source: The Associated Press, Bank of America, Bloomberg.com	

FACES 'N' PLACES

Kline finds Cole Porter film role 'De-Lovely'

Biography depicts composer's double life

BY DAVID GERMAIN
The Associated Press

CANNES, France — Generally bemused over the conventions of celebrity journalism, Kevin Kline groans when he reads about himself in print with one of his best-known films inserted as his middle name: Kevin "The Big Chill" Kline or Kevin "Sophie's Choice" Kline.

Just now, though, Kline's doing his own alteration on his middle name.

"My middle name's Delancy, but this week it's 'De-Lovely,' Kevin De-Lovely" Kline. It's better than Kevin "A Fish Called Wanda" Kline," the actor said at May's Cannes Film Festival, where film biography "De-Lovely" was the closing movie. The film opened statewide last month.

Kline, 56, who studied piano and music before switching to drama in college, plays Cole Porter in a fanciful portrait of the composer whose tunes include "Anything Goes," "You're the Top," "Love for Sale," "Night and Day" and the title song, "It's De-Lovely."

Unlike the sanitized 1946 Porter biopic "Night and Day," starring Cary Grant, "De-Lovely" pulls no punches in depicting the composer's double life as a sinner in a largely platonic marriage with Linda Porter (Ashley Judd) and a gay man with a fondness for picking up pretty young things at brothels.

"De-Lovely" is a lot of great juicy stories of nefarious, prodigious sexual encounters," Kline said of Porter. "He never was apologetic. He may have been tormented by it. Certainly, he wrote a lot of songs, 'What Is This Thing Called Love?' I think he was constantly investigating, exploring what love was ...

"What I love is, here's a movie, a Hollywood love story, that doesn't use sexual passion as the foundation, where there's got to be the great love scene, where they make love. So here's a really different kind of love story."

The film's structure is equally unconventional, with a theatricality suitable to Porter's grand and showy personality. The movie opens on Porter as an old, lonely man nearing death (in 1964) when a mysterious stranger who turns out to be the arch-angel Gabriel (Jonathan Pryce) materializes in the composer's home.

Gabriel whisks Porter off to a theater where long-gone loved ones are in rehearsal mode for a performance of his life story. "De-Lovely" then flips and ends up between a more standard film-biography structure and the Gabriel fantasy, eventually building to Pryce and Kline performing Porter's spirited tune "Blow, Gabriel, Blow."

That approach, crafted by screenwriter Jay Cocks ("Gangs of New York"), nicely fits the mythological nature of the auteur Porter sought to create, Kline said.

"Cole Porter was not ever keen on hanging out his dirty laundry or telling his life story to anyone. He was creating a myth, a good story, which I think Jay Cocks captured," Kline said.

"It's like, come on, in this theater, it's got to be entertaining, and he lived a life which was a kind of theater. So I think it's the perfect sort of conceit for the movie, in that blip, that split second before you die,



Kevin Kline and Ashley Judd star as Cole and Linda Porter in MGM Pictures' musical drama "De-Lovely," which pulls no punches in depicting the composer's double life as a spouse in a platonic marriage and a gay man.

when your life flashes before your eyes.

Kline is a Hollywood rarity equally at home in broad comedy ("A Fish Called Wanda," which earned him an Academy Award), and heavy drama ("Sophie's Choice," "The Ice Storm").

A two-time Tony winner, Kline had another Tony nomination this year for his performance as Falstaff in "Henry IV."

Kline now is filming "The Pink Panther" with old pal Steve Martin, with whom he co-starred in 1991's "Grand Canyon." Martin fills the bumbling Inspector Clouseau role created by Peter Sellers, while Kline takes on the part originated by Herbert Lom as the devious, long-suffering boss.

His versatility served him well in "De-Lovely," which required Kline to play an effervescent wag in Porter's early days and a tragic cripple in the later years, after a horseback-riding accident that crushed the composer's legs.

"Kevin's so abundantly talented and can play the grace and elegance of Porter and be the clown with equal flair," co-star Judd said.

"De-Lovely" was a reunion for Kline and director Irwin Winkler, who previously collaborated on 2001's "Life As a House."

Winkler had been developing "De-Lovely" for years and mentioned it to Kline while they were making that earlier film. The director joked that Kline usually spends three years mulling whether he's interested in a role, then says no.

"But this time, it was three minutes, and

he said yes," Winkler said.

They had a warm working relationship on "Life As a House" but had an early disagreement on "De-Lovely." Winkler intended to put modern pop and rock singers into the film as 1920s and '30s crooners of Porter tunes.

Kline felt it was a terrible idea, worried that the singers' styles would undermine a period film.

"He thought I was making a big mistake and told me so. And I said, 'No, I think I'm on the right path.' And he said, 'You sure?' and kind of wandered away," Winkler said.

Kline concedes he was wrong and Winkler was right. The musical numbers — including Elvis Costello singing "Let's Misbehave," Alanis Morissette performing "Let's Do It (Let's Fall in Love)" and Sheryl Crow doing "Begin the Beguine" — are high-lights in "De-Lovely."

For his own musical performances, Kline concentrated less on his voice and more on sharpening his rusty piano skills.

A talented vocalist, Kline found it comparatively easy to croon as Porter, who had a passable voice but was not known as a singer.

"It's that thing of being able to play without looking at the piano keys. You're playing something for the first time for someone, and you own this thing," Kline said. "So I was more concerned by the harmonic structure of the song, having my fingers find the right place to bend, than singing. I think we have enough great singing in the movie, so that part wasn't a burden."

Falco treated for cancer

"Sopranos" star Edie Falco was diagnosed last year with breast cancer, but has completed her treatment and is healthy, a representative for the actress said in New York.

Falco worked on the HBO show during her treatment, but her representative wouldn't comment Wednesday on whether she underwent chemotherapy or surgery.

She will soon begin rehearsals for Marsha Norman's Pulitzer Prize-winning play, "Night, Mother," also starring Brenda Blethyn, which will open on Broadway in November.

Falco has won three Emmy Awards for her role as mob wife Carmela Soprano on "The Sopranos," and has been nominated for a fourth Emmy this year.



Falco

Smith treats fans to song, film

Will Smith delighted fans in London with an outdoor concert before the British premiere of his latest film, "I, Robot."

Accompanied by DJ Jazzy Jeff, Smith performed for about 3,000 people Wednesday outside the Odeon theater in Leicester Square. The set included hits "Summer-

time" and "Men in Black," and Smith's latest single, "Switch."

"When you have these kind of events, everybody can't get in. I wanted to give the people who came to support me a little

treat out here," the 35-year-old actor-rapper said.

"I, Robot," a sci-fi thriller in which 35-year-old actor-rapper Smith plays a detective investigating androids run amok, allowed him to blend two long-standing interests, science and movies, he said.

Bono pays tribute to friend

Bono sang at a private funeral for Susan Buffett, wife of billionaire investor Warren Buffett.

The lead singer of U2 flew into Omaha, Neb., on Sunday night and left shortly after Monday's service at Countryside Community Church. She and Bono had shared a concern for AIDS awareness and prevention.

Buffett, 72, died of a brain aneurysm while she and her husband were visiting friends in Cody, Wyo. The funeral was limited almost entirely to members of the immediate family.



Bono

Kiss to tape concert for DVD

Kiss announced it will tape a concert in Mexico City this month for distribution on DVD.

In a conference call Tuesday from Palm Beach, Fla., singer Paul Stanley said the band would tape its Aug. 17 show in Mexico City.

Tickets for the concert at the Palacio de los Deportes sold out quickly.

Stanley didn't indicate when the DVD would go on sale, but said it would be distributed internationally.

From The Associated Press

Horoscope

Our lady of love, Venus, scoots into domestic Cancer, where she'll reside until Sept. 4. If you thought you were addicted to the home-and-garden shows before, you're in real trouble now. Cancer wants nothing more than a gorgeous environment in which to nest with loved one. Mercury goes retrograde tomorrow, so get your packages out now.

Joyce Jillson



TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

AUGUST 7: This year, you need an ardent passion for life. This month, there is little you cannot accomplish through networking and friendships. Make requests in September, and by the new year, several answers and solutions have made your life better! Wonderful love can be found through a religious or career organization. Lucky love signs are Virgo and Sagittarius.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

You don't have to flaunt your talent, but don't let others forget what you've got, either. Tonight, a spotlight is provided, but it's up to you to get in the middle of it. Couples put sparks back into their relationships via vacations or hobbies.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Unstructured time is golden. Interact with people who are instrumental to your personal growth. You wonder, "Who might that be?" Basically, people you feel good around. Travel helps a romance grow more passionately.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

As soon as you don't care how far you get, you'll make headway. Avoid confrontation, and don't waste time in petty quarrelling. Singles need only return to places frequented once upon a time to find a soul mate.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

You're worth more, and you know it, but the brave thing is to ask for it, too. Consider a major purchase like a new car or home. If you don't have the means, start looking anyway. It leads the ball rolling.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You're a firecracker of energy! Use it wisely. Unstable, emotional people take

your precious time, which costs you money in the end. Try not to take baggage that clearly isn't yours. You'll find allies where you look for them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Emotions run hot around you, but think twice before engaging in the drama. Practical action shows more love than gushy displays of affection. Make a gesture in good faith. You start a cycle — terrific luck has a nipple effect.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Minor changes lead to major success in love. Competing with friends is pointless, though troubled pals keep trying to engage you. Find more to appreciate about the important people in your life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

Your expectations of love have changed. Look back on those growing months with pride. You're now ready to accept the abundance you so richly deserve. Use extra money to expand your horizons; learn, travel or invest.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Your mouth and brain seem to be operating separately. For this reason, it's best to stay away from overly sensitive people. Don't worry about whether a romance will last — just enjoy it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Practical endeavors — like paying bills and returning borrowed items — will help you stay in the "now" moment. Consider your boundaries in relationships. If your guard isn't up, an old flame may seduce you again.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

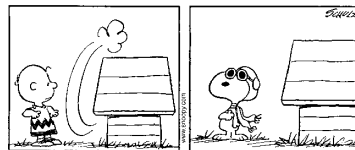
Personal matters are coming to a conclusion. Embrace your power. Don't let go until you've guided the situation home. An inheritance or investment matter will finally be sorted out. Be willing to accept an outside opinion.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

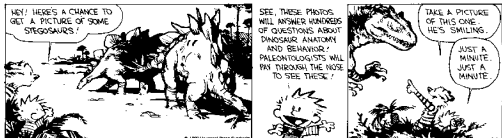
Powerful people can catapult you into new opportunities. Ingratiate yourself by asking interesting questions (don't forget to listen up). A casual conversation reveals exactly what you need to know.

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Peanuts



Calvin and Hobbes



Jump Start



Zits



Cathy



Hi and Lois



Beetle Bailey



Red Rover



Better or Worse



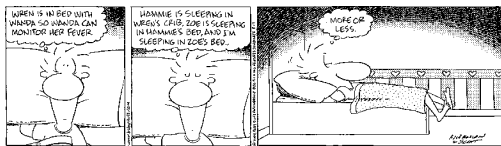
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Baby Blues



Spider Man



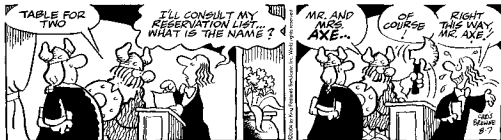
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Dilbert



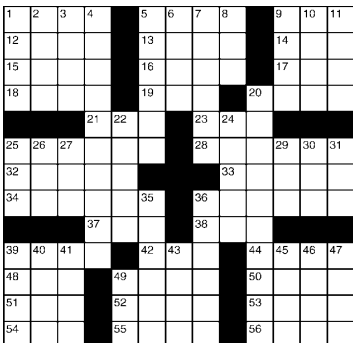
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Garfield



Eugene Sheffer Crossword



Across

- 1 Shakespeare, notably "Mamma Mia"
- 9 Shock partner quartet
- 12 Addict
- 13 Require a retest
- 14 That girl
- 15 Stead
- 16 Charlatan
- 17 Up to
- 18 Soother
- 19 Frazier foe
- 20 Snug and warm
- 21 Biol. or anat.
- 23 "Unh-unh"
- 25 "It's DeLovely" composer
- 28 Weather map line
- 32 Use
- 33 Zest
- 34 Foul-smelling
- 36 Made bon mots
- 37 Crucial
- 38 Cooperation's Mel
- 39 Trots
- 42 Japanese theater
- 44 Tittle
- 48 Little bill
- 49 Be a toady
- 50 Comestibles
- 51 Bottom line
- 52 Church-based sitcom
- 53 Annihilate

Down

- 1 Cartoonist's idea
- 2 Largest of the seven
- 3 Angler's item
- 4 Alternative to wings
- 5 Party
- 6 False god
- 7 Two-piece suit
- 8 Pub order
- 9 Guarding
- 10 Expert
- 11 Elusive

- 20 Early piano lesson
- 22 Whoopi in "The Color Purple"
- 24 Black-ink entry
- 25 Links stat
- 26 Eggs
- 27 Operated
- 29 Morsel
- 30 Dogfight participant
- 31 Roulette bet
- 35 Bundle of energy
- 36 Jay's predecessor
- 39 "No way, uh!"
- 40 Responsibility
- 41 Lapidary's supply
- 43 Unpaid
- 45 Pittsburgh's river
- 46 Spilled the beans
- 47 Pointed tools
- 49 "Terrific!"

Answer to Previous Puzzle



8-7 CRYPTOQUIP

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NPOQT X QTRTBHQYK. ZEA

WSEL LYTUT QE HBBRZ. "Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A PERSON SAUTEED HIS FOOD QUITE A BIT, I ASUPPOSE HE'D BE A FREQUENT FRIER.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: B equals P

Wife needs to get drunk hubby help

Dear Abby: My husband, "Don," took a construction job with some friends he's worked with before. Almost every night after work, they sit at the site and drink beer.

The commute from our house is about 12 miles, and I have pointed out to Don that his drinking and driving is unwise. He agreed. One beer here and there doesn't bother me, but Don has been coming home pretty drunk every other night.

I'm really concerned. Last night, Don promised to come home right after work this evening and spend some time with me. He pulled in at about 8:00 with a buddy from work. Both of them were drunk.

Don claimed he didn't remember the promise, and he and his buddy proceeded to eat the special soup I had prepared for US.

I wouldn't be so upset if it had been any other night. But he had

promised me the night would be special because it's our anniversary. Do you think I'm overreacting? I don't want a husband who's a drunk.

— **Hurt in Ohio**

Dear Hurt: You may not want one, but you appear to have one.

You would be doing all concerned a favor if you quietly let his boss know there's drinking going on after hours at the job site, because should an accident occur, the company may be liable.

If the anniversary incident isn't enough to embarrass your husband into getting help, the alternative is for you to look in the phone book for Al-Anon meetings and attend them. There you will learn how not to be an enabler, and that no one can "save" a drinker except the drinker.

Dear Abby



Dear Abby: "Denny" and I have been married about a year. Everything was great — we are

very much alike. My problem is we both have water jugs that we use for our spare change. I started taking money out of Denny's and spending it. I was planning to replace it as soon as I got a little ahead.

Well, Denny came home one night and counted his savings and saw that I had taken more than \$250 out of his jug. I am paying him back — and he has sort of forgiven me — but every chance he gets, he lashes out. He calls me a thief and curses at me.

Will he ever get over this and let things go back to normal? — **The Unforgiven in N.H.**

Dear Unforgiven: OK — the homonym is over and the illusions are tarnished. What you did was wrong, but so is cursing one's spouse and nursing a grudge. Since you are repaying the money, it's time to ask your husband why he seems unable to forgive.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 6940, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at <http://www.usexpress.com/dearabby>. Universal Press Syndicate.

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Answer: A "□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □" IN "□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □"

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: KNIFE USURP INTAKE DIGEST
Answer: What Sis did when Junior played with her perfume — RAISED A STINK



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Therapy can help chronic liars

Dear Annie: All my life I have fought the urge to lie. We are not talking about little lies. I mean whoppers. Some of my lies have had a horrible effect on others. As a child, I was taught the consequences of lying, but it never stopped me. I do not want to seek counseling, because I'm afraid this will lead to more lying — to my family about receiving therapy, and to my therapist about everything. I am 28 years old, and it's reached the point where I sometimes cannot tell the difference between the truth and a lie. Please help me.

— **Lying in Canada**
Dear Lying: Many people lie to protect themselves or to bolster their ego, but when the lying becomes compulsive, and for no particular purpose, it means you need psychotherapy and possibly medication. Chronic lying is often a sign of antisocial personality disorder.

Recognizing the problem is the

Annie's Mailbox



first step. You've done that. Now talk to your doctor and ask for a referral to a therapist. Make an appointment and GO. You can worry about what you will tell your family later. Good luck.

Dear Annie: We teach our kids to ask permission to go somewhere and not to play alone. We warn them to stay away from people who offer treats or want help finding a puppy. And we remind them not to open the door to anyone when home alone. These are obvious safety rules.

The Polly Klaas Foundation would like to suggest not-so-obvious things parents can tell their children to keep them safe. If an adult asks you for help or directions, get away fast and tell. Adults don't need to ask kids for these things.

Adults, even ones you know, shouldn't offer kids treats or trips without making sure the

kids check with their parents first.

Private parts are your own. No one should touch the parts of your body that are covered by a bathing suit.

Wherever you go, point out safe people to rely on for help: a mother with children, cashiers, policemen.

Have a secret password that only you and your child know. If you need to send someone else to pick up your child, he or she must know the password, or the child is to say "no" and tell a trusted adult.

For more information, your readers can visit www.PollyKlaas.org.

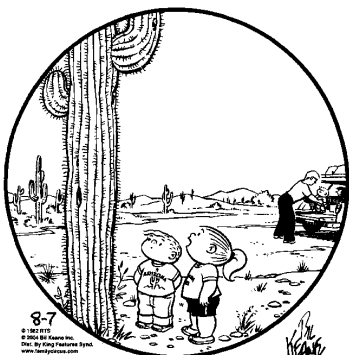
— **Glena Records, Polly Klaas Foundation**

Dear Glenda Records: Thank you for providing our readers with useful information to protect their children.

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Family Circus



"They have all those needles 'cause they don't like to be climbed."

GRAFFITI



Dennis the Menace



"Your dryer is broken, so Mom had to go SQUAK."

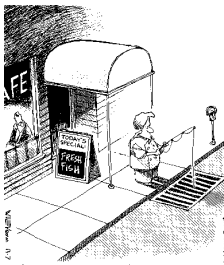
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The Far Side



"Boy! I'm sooooo full, and this is the laaaaaaast slice of beef ... guess I'll finish it off, though."

Non Sequitur





War Is Tough on Families

Military life has enough challenges without worrying about how your loved ones will contact you...especially during times of conflict. I know, because I grew up in a military family and served as a Navy Admiral.

You can count on the American Red Cross to help you wherever you go. Whether you're at sea, or on an installation, we can help your loved ones back home get messages to you, or from you, in case of emergency. We can also help you through counseling and other needed assistance.

The Red Cross was there for my family, and we'll be there for yours. In fact, we support thousands of military families each year.

For more information, or to learn how you can help, please contact your local Red Cross or visit www.redcross.org. Thank you.

Marsha Evans

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President and CEO, American Red Cross
Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy (Ret.)



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Together, we can save a life

Bulls send guard to New York in six-player deal

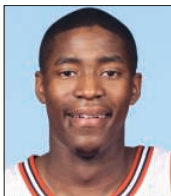
By NANCY ARMOUR
The Associated Press

Jamal Crawford is on his way to the New York Knicks.

After signing a seven-year deal worth about \$56 million with the Chicago Bulls on Thursday, the point guard was traded to New York in a six-player deal that was weeks in the making. In exchange for Crawford and veteran forward Jerome Williams, New York gave the Bulls former Illinois standout Frank Williams, center Dikembe Mutombo, forward Othella Harrington and center Cezary Trybanski.

"Obviously Jamal is the best player in this deal, and it's not easy giving up a young talent like that," Bulls General Manager John Paxson said. "The way that we looked at it was there were certain things we needed to get. We had to get substantial financial (relief) and this gives us some flexibility."

The deal will save the Bulls about \$18 million in cap space.



Jamal Crawford signed a seven-year deal worth about \$56 million with the Bulls on Thursday and was then traded to the Knicks in a long-awaited, six-player deal.

The contracts of all of the New York Bulls players expire after this year, and Jerome Williams still has \$25 million and four years left on his current deal.

"It ends up being one we all can live with," Paxson said. "We're just not in a position to give Jamal the type of deal he was looking for, and Isaiah was really good at working to get the player he wanted."

Crawford led the Bulls with

17.3 points a game last year and is one of the league's top young guards. After averaging 11.2 points and almost four assists in his first four seasons in the NBA, the restricted free agent would have commanded a hefty, long-term contract. But the Bulls have made prep-to-pro big men Tyson Chandler and Eddy Curry the cornerstones of their rebuilding effort, and as restricted free agents next summer, they'll be eligible for their own big deals.

Enter the Knicks.

New York General Manager Isiah Thomas has been interested in Crawford for months, saying he was at the top of the Knicks' wish list this summer.

"He reminds me of myself in the way he handles the basketball and his ability to create and score," Thomas said of Crawford, who will wear Thomas' old No. 11. "The ability to score and pass the ball are two things that he possesses. He's a tremendous talent and I'm honored that he would choose No. 11 to wear."

An eight-time All-Star and four-time defensive player of the year, Mutombo has averaged 12.2 points, 12.1 rebounds and 3.33 blocked shots in 13 years with New York, New Jersey, Philadelphia, Atlanta and Denver. He is fourth in NBA history with 2,996 blocks.

Stojakovic tells Kings he wants out

The Associated Press

BELGRADE, Serbia-Montenegro — Peja Stojakovic wants out of Sacramento.

Stojakovic said Thursday he told Kings president of basketball operations Geoff Petrie he wants to be traded from the only NBA team he has played for.

"I think the change would be good for the team and for myself," Stojakovic told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. "That's the only explanation you're going to get from me."

Stojakovic, the NBA's second-leading scorer last season with 24.2 points per game, has been with the Kings since entering the league in 1998. But he was upset that the Kings lost countryman Vlade Divac to the Los Angeles Lakers as a free agent, and Stojakovic apparently was angered by Chris Webber's off-season comments criticizing unnamed teammates for their lack of toughness.

The Kings were eliminated in the second round of the playoffs last season, losing in seven games to the Minnesota Timberwolves. "You could see this year, late in the year, we didn't have good chemistry and didn't play good basketball," Stojakovic said. "I just think that the team had their chances, and opportunities are closing, and the team needs new players."

"I'm probably one of the easiest players to trade, and I'm willing to go."

Stojakovic, one of the game's best pure shooters, has two years

remaining on his contract plus an option for a third year.

Carter asks Raptors for trade

NEW YORK — Vince Carter has four years left on his contract with the Toronto Raptors, but the five-time All-Star may not be with the team for that long.

It has been widely rumored that Carter is interested in the New York Knicks, and his agent told the Daily News that Carter asked the Raptors to deal him.

The Knicks wouldn't confirm Thursday whether they have talked with the Raptors about Carter.

Carter, who averaged 22.5 points last season, was reportedly angry the team didn't consult him on the hiring of general manager Rob Babcock and coach Sam Mitchell, who replaced Kevin O'Neill after the Raptors missed the playoffs for the second consecutive season. The Raptors will be playing with their third new coach in three seasons.

Traylor back with Cavs, Silas

CLEVELAND — With a chance to play for coach Paul Silas again, Robert "Tractor" Traylor returned to the Cleveland Cavaliers on Thursday.

The massive forward, who previously played with the Cavaliers in 2001-01, will get the club's million-dollar exception — a contract worth approximately \$1.6 million. Although Traylor is more than doubling the \$750,000 salary he got in New Orleans last season, the Cavaliers say money isn't all that lured him back.

The former first-round draft pick wanted to reunite with Silas, who coached him for two seasons

with the Hornets.

The 6-foot-8, 284-pound Traylor will beef up the Cavaliers' front court, which lost its top rebounder this summer when power forward Center Boozer went to Utah, signing a six-year, \$68 million deal with the Jazz.

Jefferson re-signs with Nets

The New Jersey Nets made sure to keep Olympian Richard Jefferson.

The Nets and Jefferson agreed to a multiyear contract extension Thursday that will pay him \$78 million over the next six years, helping make up for the loss of Kenyon Martin and Kerry Kittles.

Jefferson, entering his fourth NBA season, averaged a team-high 18.5 points and 38.2 minutes a game last season. He also averaged 5.7 rebounds, 3.8 assists and 1.1 steals a game, appearing in a career-high 82 games.

The runner-up for NBA rookie of the year in 2001-02, 7-foot-7 Jefferson was acquired by the Nets in June 2001 from the Houston Rockets.

Horry staying with Spurs

SAN ANTONIO — Spurs forward Robert Horry re-signed with the team Thursday.

The 6-foot-10 Horry, who turns 34 this month, averaged 4.8 points and 3.4 rebounds in 81 games with San Antonio last season.

He also played in all 10 of the Spurs' playoff games, averaging 6.1 points and 4.3 rebounds. Horry, going into his 13th NBA season, picked up championship titles with the Houston Rockets in 1994 and 1995, then three more with the Los Angeles Lakers in 2000, 2001 and 2002.

Regional has had one ruler in recent seasons

Saudi Arabia pursuing fifth straight Series berth despite security concerns

BY RUSTY BRYAN

Stars and Stripes

KUTNO, Poland — It has become an annual rite of summer: Little League teams from around Europe travel to Poland to battle for second place in the Transatlantic Little League tournament.

First place has belonged to the team from Saudi Arabia.

For the past four years, the Arabian-American Little League team from Dharhan has captured the tournament crown and the berth in the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa.

The Saudi team almost didn't make it to this year's tournament. Security concerns have prompted hundreds of Americans to leave the desert kingdom over the past few years.

But those who stayed wanted to play, coach Mike Robinette said.

"It [the talent pool] is thinning out," he said, "but the love of baseball remains."

If the first two games are any indication, that could be bad news for the rest of the field.

Behind the two-hit pitching of Josh Amado, the Saudis crushed Ramstein 12-1 Thursday night. Amado struck out 13 in the complete game victory.

For an encore, Saudi Arabia came back with a 20-0 victory over Naples on Friday (see story below).

The Saudi Arabia coaches claim that Amado's fastball is near 80 mph.

"He can hum it," Robinette said. "We have a good stable of pitchers."

Amado, 12, said tradition didn't play a part in Thursday's game.

"It's fun," Amado said. "There's no pressure at all."

The Saudi team arrived in Poland with high expectations. Saudi has made 15 trips to Williamsport since winning its first European title in 1983.

"This is the start of our dream," Robinette said after Thursday's victory. "It was a good start. We liked what we saw out there."

Robinette said the Williamsport experience never grows stale, no matter how many times his team has been there.

"Every year, it's a different bunch of kids and a different bunch of coaches," he said, adding that a sense of community keeps things fresh.

"We're like a large military base," he said. "We work together and we play together."

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Saudi Arabia's Josh Amado throws a pitch against Ramstein on Thursday in Kutno, Poland. Amado threw a two-hitter as Saudi Arabia defeated Ramstein 12-1 in the opening game for both teams in Little League Baseball's Transatlantic Regional tournament. Saudi Arabia is the four-time defending regional champion.

Saudi team rolls to 2-0 with 20-0 win over Naples

BY RUSTY BRYAN

Stars and Stripes

KUTNO, Poland — Saudi Arabia continued to move like a buzzsaw through the U.S. military competition Friday in Little League Baseball's Transatlantic Regional tournament.

Playing only 14 hours after thumping Ramstein 12-1, Saudi Arabia clocked Naples for a 20-0, run-rule shortened victory on Friday morning.

"It could have been 200-0," Naples assistant coach Dwight Smalls said. "They were bunting to us at the end."

Saudi (2-0) struck for 10 runs on 10 hits against Naples starter Lucas Herweyer in the top of the first.

After failing to score in the second, the four-time defending tournament champions added four runs in the third, even though they lined themselves to stopping at first base after each hit.

They continued that strategy in the top of the fourth, until Joel Reimer's grand slam ended the onslaught. The next three batters bunted into outs.

Saudi pitchers Alex Robinette and Reimer combined on a one-hitter: a leadoff single to 76-pounds Naples shortstop Devon Mitchell. Robinette threw three innings and struck out five; Reimer struck out two of the three batters he faced.

"I'm not mad," Smalls said. "When Saudi gets to Williamsport (Pa., site of the Little League World Series), every team they

Little League

face has a program like theirs. To compete, they have to play that way."

The lopsided defeat dropped Naples to 1-1 in the round-robin portion of the tournament, which ends on Wednesday. On Thursday, the top four teams begin the winner-take-all semifinals.

The tournament concludes Friday.

The rout did nothing to dampen the spirits of the two dozen or so parents who formed the entire crowd for these games, which were played in breezy sunshine.

"It's such a great experience for these kids," said Amy Fatora, whose 12-year-old daughter Jin plays second base and outfield for Naples. "To come overseas and have an opportunity like this is great. It's a chance for them to make a great memory."

Also Friday:

Spain 12, Belgium 6: Spain evened its record (1-1) as Paul Boerema went the distance. Boerema yielded nine hits and struck out four.

"It was hard, but fun," said Boerema, 12, who will be playing baseball next year in Puerto Rico after his airline-employee father transfers.

Boerema doubled and scored twice, but his clutch pitching was the key. Boerema said he got the job done on three pitches.

"I have three fastballs," he



RUSTY BRYAN/Stars and Stripes

Coaching staffs from Saudi Arabia, top left, and Ramstein, center, scouting future opponents far outnumber casual fans Friday afternoon at the Transatlantic Regional in Kutno, Poland. The few fans in attendance were enjoying the games. "It's such a great experience for these kids," said Amy Fatora, whose daughter Jin plays for Naples.

said, adding with a shrug, "I guess they have some move-ment."

Kevin Nelson, the Brussels American seventh-grader, started and took the loss for Belgium. He gave up 10 runs, nine earned, walked three batters and hit three.

After two days of play, Saudi Arabia (2-0) and London (1-0) are unbeaten. Italy, Spain and Bel-

gium are 1-1, and Ramstein (0-1) and Netherlands (0-2) are winless. Saturday's schedule has Naples-London leading off, followed by Ramstein-Netherlands and Saudi Arabia-Spain.

London 19, Netherlands 5: The spell of sunny, breezy 80-degree weather was broken during Friday's third game.

With the score tied at five in the

fifth inning and two London runners on, play was stopped for 35 minutes to let a fast-moving electrical storm pass.

When play resumed, London had captured the lightning, striking for 14 runs.

The biggest blows of the inning came off the bat of third baseman Josh Halvorsen, who doubled and singled during the onslaught and drove in four runs.

"They were right down the gut, about medium fast," said Halvorsen, 12, who attends American Community School-Edgheim. "I just drove them."

Trailing 5-0, the Netherlands tied the game in the third inning after Brenda Broadwater's one-out walk ignited a rally fueled by three London errors and an RBI single by Grant Miller.

Netherlands starter Tyler Broome shut London down thereafter until he lost his stuff during the storm delay.

No game for Ramstein: Because of the seven-team field created when Austria pulled out, Ramstein was idle on Thursday, to the disappointment of some of its players.

"I'd like to play every day," said Ramstein's Tyler Jarvis, the only 11-year-old on the team.

Still, he and his teammates are enjoying their experience.

"The fields are awesome," said Jarvis. "That grass is so smooth."

So are the living conditions, in air-conditioned dorms. "We're having a good time," said pitcher-first baseman Chris Johnson. "We ride a bus into town and eat pizza and play in the dorms. It's fun."

Pampling leads by 1 in The International

The Associated Press

CASTLE ROCK, Colo. — Rod Pampling went into The International hoping to break out of his summer doldrums.

He's off to a good start.

Pampling hit every fairway and had 15 points under the tournament's modified Stableford scoring system, leading Geoff Ogilvy, Jose Cocheres and Chris DiMarco by a point before rain forced half the field to complete the first round early Friday.

"This time of the year, I don't know what the reason is, I just don't seem to play as well," Pampling said.

But he took advantage of soft conditions in the morning, with four birdies on the front nine and another on the 15th. He capped the round with a 20-foot putt for eagle on No. 17, a huge swing in a tournament that rewards aggressive play.

Players receive 8 points for a double eagle, 5 for an eagle, 2 for a birdie, zero for par, minus-1 for a bogey and minus-3 for a double bogey or worse.

Pampling was one of the lucky ones who got to play in the morning.

Heavy rain and lightning moved through the area in the afternoon, forcing 72 players to re-

Golf roundup

turn morning

Stephen Leane, who finished with 12 points, and DiMarco had four birdies

Marco had the best rounds of the players who returned. Jay Haas was two behind Leane, overcoming bogeys on two of his first three holes with six birdies.

Leane had four birdies held out from the fairway for an eagle on No. 9, his final hole of the first round. DiMarco had six points through eight holes before play was stopped Thursday, then added four birdies on the front nine to complete his round.

The second round started shortly after the first was completed, but players with afternoon tee times might have a hard time finishing before dark. The last groups were scheduled to go off at 4:20 local time and more storms were in the forecast for the afternoon.

Sorenstam trails Moodie, Morgan in HP Open

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Janice Moodie of Scotland and Becky Morgan of Wales led 2-under-par 70s for the second straight day on Ullna's tough lake-side course for a share of the lead in the HP Open on Friday.

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Australia's Rod Pampling lines up a putt on the 18th green during the International at Castle Pines in Castle Rock, Colo., Thursday. Pampling finished with 15 and the morning lead using the modified Stableford scoring system.

Hall of Famer Annika Sorenstam, who grew up nearby but has not played the course since she was an amateur 15 years ago, failed to make a move and shared fourth, but just two shots off the lead at 142.

Stupples continues her hot streak in Jamie Farr Classic

SYLVANIA, Ohio — Four days later and thousands of miles away, Karen Stupples picked up where she left off.

Teeling off just hours after a 13-hour flight from London — and without having seen the course — the winner of last week's Women's British Open had seven birdies in a 6-under-par 65 on Thursday for a one-stroke lead after the opening round of the Jamie Farr Owens Corning Classic.

Australia's Green leads KLM

HILVERSUM, Netherlands — Australia's Richard Green shot a 7-under-par 63 Friday for a three-stroke lead halfway through the KLM Open.

Green is at 12-under 128 after two rounds. England's Andrew Raitt shot a 67 and was at 131. Raitt eagled the final hole and briefly held the lead.

NCAA approves package of tighter recruiting rules

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Recruits will find a no-frills-allowed college atmosphere this fall.

The NCAA's Board of Directors approved a package of recruiting reforms Thursday aimed at limiting the perks for prospects. Schools are also being required to take greater responsibility in the recruiting process.

"It is true we acted rapidly, but the problems are there, and they need to be addressed," NCAA President Myles Brand said.

The package was a response to high-profile scandals at Colorado and the University of Miami. Brand appointed an 18-member recruiting task force in February, chaired by NCAA Vice President David Berst. The proposals adopted Thursday were emergency legislation and bypassed the usual one-year process.

The new rules prohibit the use of charter flights or private planes on recruiting trips. Also, only school vehicles or standard-equipped vehicles will be allowed to transport recruits and their families.

Schools are allowed to provide recruits with typical meals and rooms, but not at five-star restaurants and hotels.

For the first time, the NCAA will require that each college adopt a written recruiting policy. Colleges must file their policies with their conferences before Dec. 1.

College presidents or chancellors must approve finalized policies and file them with their conferences by Dec. 1.

Independent schools must file documents with the NCAA.

Georgia men placed on four years' probation

ATHENS, Ga. — Georgia's men's basketball team was placed on four years' probation Thursday for rules violations under former coach Jim Harrick involving academic fraud, unethical conduct and improper bene-

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fits.

The NCAA decided not to impose a one-year postseason ban on the basketball team, citing the school's self-imposed penalties that banned the team from the 2003 SEC and NCAA tournaments.

The school's athletic department is on notice for the next five years. A violation by any Georgia athletic program before April 2009 could result in stiffer penalties.

Georgia athletic director Damon Evans said the school plans to appeal.

Noting the school's self-imposed sanctions, Evans said he found the punishment too strict.

"Because of this, and the cooperation the university has exhibited throughout the investigation process, it is our opinion that four years probation and the scholarship reductions are excessive," Evans said.

The basketball team will lose one scholarship for each of the next three seasons, forfeit its 30 victories from the 2001-02 and 2002-03 seasons and lose official credit for participating in the 2002 NCAA tournament.

IOC member faces possible suspension in ethics probe

ATHENS, Greece — A Bulgarian Olympic official implicated in alleged bid-city corruption faces possible suspension from the IOC.

Ivan Slavkov was secretly filmed by an undercover BBC television crew discussing how votes could be bought in the campaign to host the 2012 Summer Games. The program also featured four lobbyists claiming they could secure IOC members' votes for a price.

New York, Paris, London, Madrid and Moscow are vying for the 2012 Games. The IOC will select the host city in July 2005.

Slavkov has denied any wrongdoing.

Avs Hejduk gets \$5.7 million in arbitration

The Associated Press

TORONTO — Colorado Avalanche forward Milan Hejduk was awarded a \$5.7 million contract for next season in arbitration on Thursday, while Toronto defenseman Bryan McCabe agreed to a \$9 million, two-year deal with the Maple Leafs just days before his hearing.

M McCabe had 53 points last season when he finished fourth in voting for the Norris Trophy, awarded to the league's best defenseman.

"He is a versatile player who is used in all key situations and has developed into a team leader," Toronto general manager John Ferguson said.

M McCabe earned \$3.5 million last season and will make \$4.45 million next year and \$4.55 million the following season. The

signing came two days before his scheduled hearing.

The 28-year-old Hejduk had 35 goals and 40 assists in 82 games with the Avalanche last season, and earned \$3.2 million. He scored 50 goals in 2002-03 and won the Rocket Richard trophy as the league's top scorer.

Hejduk, the 87th overall pick of the 1994 entry draft, has 197 goals and 219 assists in 310 career NHL games. He has 28 goals and 33 assists in 90 career playoff games.

The Leafs also re-signed Nik Antropov to a one-year, \$5 million deal. He signed four days before his arbitration hearing.

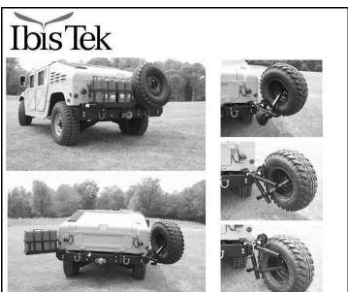
Antropov had 13 goals and 18 assists in 62 games last season. He added 10 assists in 10 playoff games. The Kazakhstan native was Toronto's first choice, 10th overall, in the 1998 entry draft.

In other league moves Thursday, the San Jose Sharks right wing Nils Ekman was awarded a \$1.2 million contract for next season by an arbitrator. Goalie Evgeni Nabokov's arbitration hearing is scheduled for Aug. 13. The rest of the Sharks' arbitration players have reached deals.

Forward Jason Wiemer, an unrestricted free agent, returned to the Calgary Flames after splitting last season with the New York Islanders and the Minnesota Wild. Terms were not disclosed.

The Atlanta Thrashers kept out of the top tier defections from last season, signing restricted free agent Garnet Exelby.

Center Matt Cullen signed a one-year contract with the Carolina Hurricanes after spending last season with Florida. Cullen, a free agent, did not receive an offer from the Panthers in July.



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Clemens gets apology after 'unjust' ejection

BY BEN WALKER
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Roger Clemens was given an emphatic apology Thursday for "unjustly" being ejected from his 10-year-old son's baseball game last weekend in Colorado.

David King, president of tournament organizer Triple Crown Sports, said, "Mr. Clemens was a non-aggressor and a victim of mistaken identity and confusion" by an upset umpire.

Clemens was asked to leave son Kacy's game Saturday in Craig, Colo., when a 22-year-old ump said the Houston Astros pitcher spit a sunflower seed at him. Moments earlier, Kacy was called out on a stolen base attempt — the fielder later admitted he missed the tag — and the Rocket watched the rest of the contest from a parking lot.

"Mr. Clemens never raised his voice, never physically confronted our official, nor was he ever on the field of play," King said in a written statement, underlining those words.

"Mr. Clemens was unjustly asked to leave the field of play," King said. "For all of this, we apologize to Mr. Clemens."

King spoke to Clemens by telephone to apologize personally.

"I'm pleased with their statement," Clemens said through agent Alan Hendricks before Houston played Atlanta.

Earlier, Clemens became upset when discussing the episode, saying, "This is a shame and it's not even an issue."

Clemens was away from the Astros, as his deal with the team allows when he's not pitching, to watch his son play for the Katy (Texas) Cowboys in a 10-and-under tournament.

Clemens was sitting behind a fence near the first base dugout, when Kacy was called out at second base in the middle innings of a game the Bakersfield (Calif.) Curve won 11-5.

Katy coaches and fans complained about the call, but witnesses said Clemens didn't say a word. The umpire came over to quiet the ruckus and said he was hit in the pants cuff by a sunflower seed spit by Clemens.

Clemens left without an argument and said "he didn't want to be distraction and to let the boys play ball," Katy manager Doug Hanson said.

"With all the complaining the Katy coaches were doing, one of them probably deserved to be gone," King said. "But the vision and the reality, it took it in a direction that didn't happen."

White Sox trade for R. Alomar

The Associated Press

PHOENIX — Angered with his team's inconsistency and refusing to concede the division title, Chicago White Sox General Manager Ken Williams is again looking to Roberto Alomar for help.

The White Sox acquired Alomar from Arizona on Thursday, the second straight year Williams has traded for the 12-time All-Star second baseman for the stretch run. In exchange, the White Sox gave the Diamondbacks a player to be named and cash.

"Obviously, you've got to deal with the fact that we're six games back. But I do not expect that we don't have enough talent to win this thing," Williams said. "Robbie's a smart pro and one who's not afraid of the August and September heat — and I'm not talking about the temperature outside."

"As we go down the stretch here, you simply have to play smart baseball," Williams added. "You cannot give away games. We need to pick it up."

Alomar, 36, batted .399 with three home runs and 16 RBIs in 39 games for Arizona. He missed 56 games with a broken right hand after being hit by a pitch in Milwaukee on April 20.

Rangers' Nelson on DL

DETROIT — The Texas Rangers placed reliever Jeff Nelson on



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the 15-day disabled list Thursday with an injured right elbow and recalled pitcher Ryan Snare from Triple-A Oklahoma.

Nelson was on the disabled list with elbow and knee problems from May 13 to July 25. He has appeared in 17 games this season, going 0-2 with one save and a 5.28 ERA.

Snare is 9-4 with a 4.12 ERA in 20 relief appearances for Oklahoma.

Tommy John dislocates hip

NEW YORK — Staten Island Yankees manager Tommy John fell and dislocated his artificial hip on Thursday before his team played Lowell in the New York-Penn League.

The former New York Yankees pitcher was standing with his foot on a tire of the movable batting cage when he went down, the New York Post reported Friday.

John, who dislocated the hip twice before, reportedly twisted the prosthetic joint and caused it to pop out of its socket. The two previous dislocations enabled John to know what position to keep himself in to avoid severe pain.

"I'll be back in the third or fourth inning," John said before police, fire and emergency medical personnel arrived.

John was admitted to St. Vincent's hospital on Staten Island and was placed under general anesthesia so doctors could put the hip back in place. He was expected to walk out of the hospital on Friday.

John played 26 major league seasons, posted 288 victories, was a four-time All-Star and excelled in big games. But he's become most well-known in recent years for being the first player to leave the career-saving elbow operation that now carries his name.

Burrell out with wrist injury

SAN DIEGO — The Philadelphia Phillies placed left fielder Pat Burrell on the 15-day disabled list on Thursday with a strained left wrist.

Burrell said he injured the wrist during batting practice Tuesday. He didn't play Wednesday and flew back to Philadelphia on Thursday. An examination by team doctor Michael Cicotti was scheduled Friday.

Burrell is batting .263 with 18 home runs and 68 RBIs this season, rebounding nicely from last year when he hit just .209 with 21 homers and 64 RBIs.

Philadelphia purchased the contract of outfielder Lou Collier from Triple-A Scranton to take Burrell's spot on the roster. Collier, who played in four games with Boston last year, is a career .239 hitter with seven homers and 74 RBIs in parts of seven seasons.

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Rolen's homer provides big lift for Cards

Carpenter gains career-best 12th win for St. Louis

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Chris Carpenter could hardly control his emotions after Scott Rolen's late home run. "I was fired up," Carpenter said. "I love being a part of this team. It's so exciting to come to the field every night and feeling — and knowing — you have a chance to win."

Rolen hit a tie-breaking homer in the eighth inning and Carpenter pitched eight innings for his career-high 12th victory to lead the St. Louis Cardinals to a 2-1 victory over the Montreal Expos on Thursday night.

"When somebody does something special like that, well, I was fired up," Carpenter said. "It's just a great experience to play with the guys on this team."

Jim Edmonds also homered for the Cardinals, who have won 13 of 17 to move a season-high 31 games over .500.

"Two big swings," St. Louis manager Tony La Russa said.

Rolen hit his 26th homer over the center-field fence on a 2-1 pitch from Luis Ayala (3-7) leading off the eighth. It was Rolen's major league-leading 98th RBI and his first home run at home since May 27. His previous 13 homers came on the road.

"My numbers at Busch Stadium are less than stellar, but I've never had good numbers here when I was with the Phillies and now that I'm here," Rolen said. "I always seem to hit a little better on the road. I don't know what the reason is."

"I threw my best pitch," Ayala said after his scoreless string was snapped at 26¹/₃ innings. "I think



Philadelphia's Marlon Byrd flags down a drive by San Diego's Khalil Greene during Thursday night's game.

he was waiting for that pitch and it was a good pitch. I threw it in, my sinker, and it was for a strike — and that's the game."

Carpenter (12-4) allowed one run and four hits in eight innings, striking out seven and walking one. He improved to 5-0 against Montreal in seven career starts.

Jason Iiringhausen pitched the ninth for his 28th save in 33 chances.

Braves 6, Astros 5: Pinch-hitter Marcus Giles' sacrifice fly

drove in the go-ahead run in the top of the ninth.

With the score 5-5, J.D. Drew hit a leadoff single and Chipper Jones doubled off reliever Dan Miceli (4-6). After an intentional walk to Andrew Jones loaded the bases, Giles hit a lazy fly to right that scored Drew.

Phillies 5, Padres 3 (10): David Bell hit a two-run single off Trevor Hoffman in the 10th to

give the visiting Phillies their third straight victory.

With two outs and the bases loaded, Bell singled to right field to score Jimmy Rollins and Placido Polanco. The Phillies remained 4¹/₂ games behind first-place Atlanta in the NL East.

Felix Rodriguez (4-5) pitched one hitless inning and Tim Worrell got three outs for his 13th save.

Cubs 5, Rockies 1: Mark Prior pitched six scoreless innings for

his first victory in more than a month as visiting Chicago completed a three-game sweep.

Derrek Lee and Corey Patterson each hit solo homers off Jason Jennings (10-9) as the Cubs won their fourth straight.

Prior (3-2) allowed six hits, struck out eight and walked two.

Dodgers 8, Pirates 3: Milton Bradley hit two home runs, including one of three straight by Los Angeles in the first inning and the host Dodgers beat Pittsburgh to finish their first season sweep of any NL team since moving to the West Coast in 1958.

Jason Werth, Adrian Beltré and Jose Hernandez also homered for the NL West-leading Dodgers, who outscored the Pirates 30-16 in their six games.

Jeff Weaver (9-10) allowed two runs and five hits in seven innings, pitching the Dodgers to their 24th win in 34 games.

Reds 12, Giants 3: Aaron Harang pitched seven innings of four-hit ball and Sean Casey went 4-for-5 with four RBIs in visiting Cincinnati's victory over San Francisco.

Adam Dunn hit a three-run homer, his third in two days, and Sean Casey got his 1,000th career hit, a two-run single, as the Reds scored 10 runs in the eighth.

Mets 11, Brewers 6: David Wright homered and drove in six runs, helping Victor Zambrano win his New York debut in a victory over host Milwaukee.

Wright hit a three-run homer in the first and a three-run double in the fourth as the Mets completed a three-game sweep.

Zambrano (1-0) won despite allowing six runs — four earned — and eight hits in 5¹/₃ innings. He struck out seven and walked three.

Marlins 11, Diamondbacks 5: Carl Pavano (12-4) pitched into the eighth inning on three days' rest and hit an RBI single, leading visiting Florida past Arizona.

Paul Lo Duca and Miguel Cabrera homered as the Marlins snapped a four-game losing streak.

The 'real' Kevin Brown dominates Athletics

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — In his second start since returning from the disabled list, Kevin Brown gave the New York Yankees the kind of performance they usually starting rotation desperately need.

Brown pitched four-hit ball over eight innings and John Olerud went 3-for-3 in his second game in the lineup, leading the Yankees over the Oakland Athletics 5-1 on Thursday.

"He was overpowering. His strike was moving all over the place. His sinker just unflinching," New York catcher Jorge Posada said.

The 39-year-old Brown (9-1), who was on the DL for seven weeks with a sore back and an intestinal parasite, struck out seven and walked two as he matched the longest outing by a Yankees starter this season. His performance was encouraging news for New York and its struggling staff.



"That's the Kevin Brown we knew was in there somewhere — and he knew was in there somewhere," Yankees manager Joe Torre said.

It was the 10th time this season a Yankees pitcher threw eight innings, the first in 19 starts since Jose Contreras beat Detroit on July 15. New York starters entered with a 5.06 ERA, 24th among the 30 major league teams, and averaged just 5.76 innings per start, 18th overall.

Olerud, who had a double and two singles and was hit by a pitch, is 5-for-8 since signing with the Yankees on Tuesday, 11 days after Seattle decided to go with youth and released him following a subpar first half. Torre was confident Olerud would respond.

"You don't lose it all of a sudden," Torre said.

Paul Quantrill allowed an unearned run in a hitless ninth on errors by Alex Rodriguez and second baseman Miguel Cairo. Oakland, which lost for just the third time in 12 games, dropped into second place in the AL West, a half-game behind Texas.

Oakland's Barry Zito (7-8), allowed five runs — four earned — and 11 hits in 6²/₃ innings.

"I think I made some good pitches that got hit," he said. "Overall, I thought I threw pretty well."

Rangers 2, Tigers 1: Alfonso Soriano hit a tiebreaking homer, Ryan Drees (8-6) pitched six innings and visiting Texas completed a three-game sweep.

Ron Mahay and Carlos Almanzar each pitched a scoreless inning before Francisco Cordero got three outs for his 33rd save,

sending the Tigers to their fourth consecutive loss.

Esteban Yan (1-3) lost in relief of starter Wilfredo Ledezma.

Angels 6, Twins 3: Aaron Sele won his seventh straight decision with another fine performance against Minnesota and Jose Guillen drove in three runs for visiting Anaheim.

Sele (7-0) allowed three runs and five hits in seven innings, running his record against the Twins to 16-4 with a 3.36 ERA in 22 career starts.

Terry Mulholland (3-4) gave up seven runs — five earned — and nine hits in 3²/₃ innings.

Indians 6, Blue Jays 3 (10): Grady Sizemore hit a two-run double in the 10th inning to help visiting Cleveland beat the Blue Jays. Ben Broussard and Jody Gerut singled in the 10th before Sizemore doubled off Kerry Ligtenberg (1-4). John McDonald followed with an RBI single.

Rafael Betancourt (5-5) pitched a scoreless ninth for Cleveland.

Royals 6, White Sox 4: Zack Greinke allowed one run in seven innings and Matt Stairs homered twice in a game delayed 24 minutes in the ninth inning by a power outage.

Greinke (4-8) allowed three hits for his second straight victory. Jon Garland (7-8) gave up six runs and seven hits in seven innings as visiting Chicago lost for the ninth time in 11 games.

Mariners 4, Devil Rays 2 (11): Randy Winn and Brett Boone each hit RBI singles during a three-run 11th and Seattle snapped a six-game losing streak.

Scott Atchison (1-0) pitched two innings for his first major league victory, sending Seattle to just its second victory in 23 road games.

Danys Baez (3-2) was the loser.

Falcons QB Vick injures hamstring

Team, player insist mishap is not serious

The Associated Press

Michael Vick didn't cause too much concern for Atlanta's coaching staff when he came up limping during a drill — even though he was troubled by the leg he broke last preseason.

Doug Flutie's San Diego Chargers teammates were surprised to learn their durable quarterback will be sidelined about two weeks after having arthroscopic surgery Thursday on his knee.

Vick was injured during the first of four practices between the Falcons and Tennessee Titans in Nashville.

The Falcons quarterback made a sharp cut off his left leg and landed on Titans cornerback Samari Rolle. After running into the end zone, he grabbed the back of his right leg, grimaced and clutched his leg as he started limping toward the huddle. He lay on the ground, and trainers immediately worked to stretch his hamstring.

Vick missed 11 regular-season games last year after breaking the leg during an exhibition



game, but he and his coaches didn't seem worried.

"He's like everyone else out here. He's going to get nicked up a little bit. He's going to have some pains and some pulls and he's going to get through them," Atlanta coach Jim Mora said. "Every time something happens to the guy, we're not going to rush over to him and go, 'Oh! That's not football. He's OK. He's fine.'"

Vick said he would practice Friday.

Flutie knows something about playing through aches and pains. Flutie has been relatively healthy throughout his pro career, which dates to 1985 and the New Jersey Generals of the USFL. He missed three games in 2000 as a member of the Buffalo Bills when he had a groin injury.

The 41-year-old quarterback has been bothered by soreness in his left knee and hadn't practiced since Saturday. He tried to return to the Chargers' training camp on Wednesday, but was pulled out when pain returned.

"That kind of stuff just doesn't happen to him," said Drew Brees, currently the starter ahead of Flutie and unsigned rookie Philip



Atlanta's Michael Vick experienced discomfort after he made a sharp cut to avoid a defender during Thursday's practice with the Tennessee Titans. The quarterback said he would practice on Friday.

Rivers. "He's used to that."

The Chargers quarterback corps is down to Brees and Cleo Lemon, a member of the practice squad last year. Rivers remains a holdout.

"We've talked about the possibility of bringing somebody in," coach Marty Schottenheimer said. "But we haven't made any final decisions."

Also on Thursday, Jimmy Kennedy, the St. Louis Rams' No. 1 draft pick in 2003, broke his right foot and might miss the entire season.

The 330-pound defensive tackle was hurt during a non-contact

one-on-one pass-rush drill against the Chicago Bears.

The Rams and Bears are holding joint practices through Saturday.

Kennedy was planting his foot to make a cut when he went down. He was expected to have surgery Friday in St. Louis. Rams officials said Kennedy would be out for at least three months.

Kennedy was the 12th overall pick in the 2003 draft but was a huge disappointment last season. He showed up for his first training camp overweight and played only sparingly in 13 games with 10 tackles, one quarterback pres-

sure and one pass defended.

New Rams defensive coordinator Larry Marmie said the injury was disappointing.

"Jimmy had been working hard and getting better all the time," Marmie said. "He could have been in the rotation — can't have too many defensive linemen."

In other NFL news Thursday:

■ New England signed another veteran to fit in with the younger players on coach Bill Belichick's defense. Dana Stubblefield, the 1997 NFL defensive player of the year.

Last month, the 33-year-old defensive tackle was one of three players fined three games' salary for testing positive for the steroid THG in 2003.

He will be used to help fill the void created when Ted Washington departed as a free agent last season and to help break in rookie nose tackle Vince Wilfork and second-year player Ty Warren.

■ Prosecutors in Nashville, Tenn., said they will seek to drop drunken driving and gun charges against Titans quarterback Steve McNair because a judge ruled two weeks ago that police didn't have sufficient cause to stop him.

■ Cincinnati's second-round pick Kevin Ratliff reached an agreement on a four-year contract. Running back Chris Perry, the team's first-rounder, remains unsigned.

Artist: Sanders' rush to glory was unique

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wife and three children, plays golf about once a week, and has some business interests. When his 10-year-old, 3-year-old and 5-month old sons are older, he'd like to travel the world.

"Honestly, I want to see every place there is," Sanders said.

In his book, "Barry Sanders: Now You See Him...," Sanders said he always respected the defensive schemes Tony Dungy devised while he was Minnesota's defensive coordinator and Tampa Bay's coach.

Dungy, now Indianapolis' coach, said there was only so much he could do.

"You really couldn't design a defense for him because he'd make plays that weren't there," Dungy said. "With Barry, you could play everything perfectly and he would still run for a lot of yards."

At 5 feet 8, 203 pounds, Sanders didn't look special standing still. With the ball, however, Sanders was spectacular as his powerful legs and quick feet made jaw-dropping moves rarely seen before, or since.

Sanders, the third pick overall in 1989 draft after winning the Heisman Trophy at Oklahoma State, was the first NFL player to run for 1,000 yards in each of his first 10 seasons.

In 1997, he became the first to run for 100 yards in 14 games during the same season, and did it in consecutive games. He was the third player to run for 2,000 yards, gaining 2,053, and shared the MVP award with Brett Favre.

He trails Payton and Emmitt Smith in career rushing yards. The late Pro Bowl was the first to run for 1,500 yards five times, and was the first to do it in four straight seasons.

He trails Payton and Emmitt Smith in career rushing



Barry Sanders, a 10-time Pro Bowler, is one of five NFL players to run for 2,000 yards in a season.

yardage, but Smith said he would still be chasing Sanders' mark if he didn't retire with plenty of life in his legs.

"Barry had not only the best chance of getting the record, but blowing the record way out, setting it in the 20,000-yard area," Smith has said.

Unlike many Hall of Famers, Sanders never had a chance to play for a championship. Sanders led Detroit to the playoffs five times and to one win over Dallas in 1991, its only postseason victory since winning the 1957 NFL title.

But that doesn't tarnish his legacy. "The best football player I've ever watched was Lawrence Taylor, and the best running back I've seen in 25 years is Barry Sanders," former NFL linebacker Matt Millen, the Lions' general manager, said. "It's not even close. It's going to be a long, long time before we see another like him, if we do."

Testaverde feels ready to run Dallas' offense

BY STEPHEN HAWKINS

The Associated Press

OXNARD, Calif. — When Bill Parcells told Vinny Testaverde that his gig was up, the 40-year-old quarterback knew that was a good thing.

Testaverde got what he hoped for when he reunited with Parcells this summer in Dallas. Always one of Parcells' favorite players, he is now the coach's starting quarterback instead of being the Cowboys' backup.

"He said to me, 'You're giving me my boxing gloves back.' I said, 'You want them?'" Parcells said Thursday. "He said, 'That's what I came here for.' That was the conversation."

That came Wednesday, after the Cowboys suddenly and unexpectedly released Quincy Carter, the quarterback drafted by owner Jerry Jones three years ago to be Troy Aikman's successor.

Carter led the Cowboys to 10 victories and back to the playoffs in Parcells' first year, and was the opening-game starter each of his three seasons. But there were widespread reports that Carter failed a drug test.

The test remained vague Thursday about the reasons for Carter's release. Jones again refused to specifically address the reports and Parcells said he was focused on the future.

"I'm not going to talk about this subject anymore. It's not worth it,

doesn't really mean anything now," Parcells said. "I want to go where I know I've got to go now."

That means getting Testaverde ready as the starter for the Sept. 12 season opener at Minnesota and determining whether Drew Henson or Tony Romo, neither of whom has played in an NFL game, can be the backup.

Testaverde, going into his 18th season, hasn't played 16 games in a season since 2001. His seven games last year with the Jets came in place of injured Chad Pennington, who became New York's starter two years ago.

But Testaverde didn't consider retirement. He continued daily four-hour workouts on his own until signing with the Cowboys two months ago.

"I can't sit here and tell you I'm going to make it through the season. Not very many starting quarterbacks do make it through a full season, no matter what the age," Testaverde said. "But I know I've worked my butt off to give myself the best chance to go through a full season."

The Cowboys will alter some of their offensive plans to suit Testaverde, a classic dropback passer and one of nine players with more than 40,000 yards passing. But that doesn't necessarily mean there will be drastic changes without the scrambling Carter.

The offense is similar to what Testaverde saw with the Jets in 1998, when he was a Pro Bowl selection under Parcells.

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Escape artist

On the field and into retirement, Sanders left an elusive legacy

BY LARRY LACE

The Associated Press

DETROIT — When Barry Sanders gets his first glimpse of the sea of gold blazers at the Pro Football Hall of Fame on Sunday, it might make him want to do something he hasn't done in five years.

"I will probably feel like suiting up again," he said, laughing. If Sanders did, he would probably juke any of the greats of the game that tried to tackle him.

Sanders, one of the NFL's most elusive and exciting running backs, will be inducted in Canton, Ohio, along with John Elway, Carl Eller and Bob Brown.

Sanders ran for 15,269 yards in 10 seasons with the Detroit Lions. Then, within one average season of surpassing Walter Payton's rushing record, he suddenly retired soon after his 31st birthday just before training camp in 1999.

He will go into the Hall of Fame about two weeks after Ricky Williams' stunning retirement at the age of 27.

"Yeah, it is sort of eerie," Sanders said in an interview with The Associated Press.

"Ricky is obviously younger than I was, but leaving the game is a personal thing that we all struggle with."

Fans across the state of Michigan struggled for a long time with the fact Sanders retired, and the way he did it.

Sanders announced his decision through a written statement released by his hometown newspaper, The Wichita (Kan.) Eagle. He then eluded reporters as if they were trying to tackle him for four-plus years.

Last winter, Sanders had his first news conference since his retirement to answer questions and promote his book. He acknowledged the way he retired was "a little clumsy," and shot down rumors, including the one that the move was a ploy to be traded.

After being booed at a Detroit Pistons game, Sanders drew cheers when he was shown on the scoreboard during one of their games this year.

"Initially, I think some fans were disappointed, or angry, because they thought my retirement was about something manipulative," Sanders said. "But that's not the type of person I am."

When Sanders scored one of his 109 touchdowns, he simply flipped the football to an official, or handed it off, and jogged away.

"We would try to get him to spike the ball — just one time — but he wouldn't do it," said Kevin Glover, Sanders' center in Detroit and a close friend.

When reporters gathered around Sanders after games or practices, he wondered why people wanted to talk to him. In an era of look-at-me athletes, he wanted the public to look elsewhere.

"I was just never comfortable with being in the spotlight," he said. "I don't have to worry about that now."

Sanders spends most of his time in suburban Detroit with his

Rushing his way into Hall of Fame

Former Detroit Lions' running back, Barry Sanders, one of the NFL's most electrifying runners, will be inducted into the Hall of Fame on Sunday, along with John Elway, Carl Eller and Bob Brown.



Sanders

BARRY SANDERS • Running back 1989-98 Detroit Lions

Drafted: First-round pick of the 1989 draft by the Lions

► Heisman Trophy winner, 1988

► First player to rush for 1,000 yards in his first 10 seasons

► Selected to 10 Pro Bowls

► Led NFL in rushing four times

► NFL's Most Valuable Player, 1997

Rushing (Career)

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